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Israel Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, seen here during a visit to an Israel Air Force station, will be in Washington next week. In the photo he's dressed in a pilot's uniform and is in the cockpit of a Cobra helicopter-gunship. [IPPA photo]

Non-Orthodox, too have place: Shamir

By
EDWIN BLACK

JERUSALEM —

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir invited American Reform and Conservative Jews to share in the power structure of Israel, and declared his willingness to sit down at a so-called "mini-conference" to advance the Mideast peace process, during a wide ranging interview on the eve of his departure for America, where he plans to pursue both items. Shamir will be in the U.S. next week.

"There is room in Israel for all Jews, whatever their positions," declared Shamir. He added that there was even hope that Reform or Conservative rabbis might work right alongside their Orthodox counterparts.

But he said that the status of non-Orthodox Jewry in Israel could only be remedied by aliya. "If there will be many Reform Jews, or many Conservative [in Israel]," he explained, "they will have their influence, their power in the Knesset, in the government, and they will decide whatever they wish — because we are a democracy."

Shamir pointedly rejected the notion recently advanced by Orthodox elements that Reform Jews pose a threat to the Jewishness of the state. "Not at all, not at all," asserted Shamir. "We need all kinds of Jews here . . . without any exception."

The Prime Minister added that to solve the thorny question of "Who is a Jew," required "a united Jewish decision . . . agreed to by all parts of the Jewish people." Toward this end, Shamir has launched an extraordinary initiative. It began three weeks ago, when, as he says, "I initiated . . . a special committee of the cabinet . . . to find an agreed solution for this problem." Committee members include Vice-Premier Shimon Peres, Minister of Religious Affairs Zevulun Hammer, Minister of Absorption Ya'acov Tsur and other key cabinet leaders. "This means it will be a very powerful committee," said Shamir, who is personally chairing the group.

The committee will consult with rabbis from all streams of Jewish observance in Israel. "And it is my intention in the United States, also to do something about it," said Shamir. "I will try to meet some influential personalities . . . leaders of the Orthodox, Reform and conservative movements."

Aides to the Prime Minister later said that in America there was a unique chance of solving the Who is a Jew question because, as one aide explained, "in the U.S. it is sometimes possible to meet with all three religious groups un-

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The Mariasins are seen at a press conference in the Main Lecture Hall of the Toronto General Hospital. From left are Faina, Lea and Alexander. Behind is Ralph Snow, president-elect, B'nai B'rith Canada. [Graphic Artists photo]

After 15-year ordeal in USSR

Mariasins arrive in Canada

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —

One odyssey has ended for Lea Alexander and Faina Mariasin. Another has just begun.

After 15 years of refusal, the Mariasins were finally freed from the USSR and arrived in Montreal late last week.

Early this week the family was reunited with the Toronto relatives who fought for their release, and Lea was admitted to Toronto General Hospital for treatment of her cancer.

Bundled in a pink bathrobe and slippers and attached to two intravenous bags, Lea, 61, appeared with her husband and daughter at a press conference convened by B'nai B'rith Canada in the hospital's Main Lecture Hall.

Though obviously tired from their trip and 15-year ordeal, (including a last minute foul-up overcome by Canadian ambassador to the USSR, Vernon Turner), the Mariasins came to accept their official welcome to Canada and freedom.

"I am very glad that I am in a free country," said Lea, in English, from her wheelchair. "You must know what it is to be in Russia to understand what it means to be in a free country.

"But I am very sad to leave behind my sick friends. My heart aches to be in such a position."

Alexander, 62, described his family as "overwhelmed" by their experiences and "the kind treatment which we are not used to."

He thanked Lea's sister and brother-in-law, Eugene and Mara Katz, for their unwavering support. "If not for them it would be much more difficult. I would never have been able to survive.

"I thank the Lord for (Dr.) Gerry Batist (of Montreal, founder of the International Cancer Pa-

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Choice of PLO backer decried by community

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

The four leading organizations of the Canadian Jewish community expressed regret last week over the election of Member of Parliament Marcel Prud'homme, an outspoken defender of the Palestine Liberation Organization, as chairman of the Liberal Party caucus.

Marcel Prud'homme

The Canada-Israel Committee, Canadian Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith Canada and the Canadian Zionist Federation issued a joint statement, within an hour of Prud'homme's election, that they are "disturbed" that the Liberals chose a person "who has been friendly and publicly supported the PLO over many years.

"We are concerned that the Liberal caucus has elected as its chairman a man whose views are at odds with those of his party's leader and the party's stated policy on the Arab-Israeli conflict and the PLO.

"We can only hope that in his capacity of caucus chairman, Mr. Prud-'homme will reflect and respect his party's policies on all issues, including the Middle East."

Meanwhile, Senator Leo Kolber denied that his resignation as the Liberals' chief fund raiser had anything to do with the election of Prud-'homme. "There is no link whatsoever. It's total nonsense," Kolber told The Canadian Jewish News.

Certain media reports suggested Prud'homme's election and Kolber's decision to quit were not coincidental. The Globe and Mail reported that Kolber had warned before entering the caucus meeting that choosing the Montreal MP could alienate the Jewish community which has been traditionally loyal to the Liberals at the polls and through financial support. Although he later expressed solidarity with the caucus decision.

Kolber handed in his resignation at that caucus meeting before the results of the vote on caucus chairman were known, Mount Royal MP Sheila Finestone confirmed. There had been widespread speculation for the past few weeks that Kolber would leave the party's fund raising post for reasons unrelated to the possibility of Prud-'homme's candidacy for the caucus chairmanship. Prud'homme announced he would seek the position two months ago.

Kolber is chairman of the North American branch of the World Jewish Congress, among other Jewish community activities.

Prud'homme, 52, has been a backbencher throughout his 23 years as the MP for St. Denis, an east end Montreal riding. He has openly supported the Arab side in the Middle East conflict over those years and has repeatedly called for official Canadian recognition

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Charge Littman, Zundel requests

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Pro-Nazi propagandist Ernst Zundel last week filed hundreds of pages of documents with a Toronto justice of the peace in a second bid to charge Sol Littman with spreading false news.

Zundel reportedly stated he initiated the action because of public statements by Littman, Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, about Nazi war criminals in Canada. Zundel said Littman's claim that hundreds of Nazi war criminals live in Canada constitutes false news.

According to Littman, a "close associate" of Zundel tried to get a justice of the peace to allow similar charges in January 1986. However, "nothing came of it," Littman said.

Littman told The CJN that Zundel's charge is "so ridiculous, so silly, it doesn't merit a response."

Justice of the Peace Lionel Freights is expected to make his decision this week on whether to allow charges against Littman, after The CJN goes to press.

For more on the Zundel case, see page 3.

Aid for Begun urged by wife

WASHINGTON(JTA)—

Former Refusenik Inna Begun has urged North Americans to help her husband, Iosif, who has been on a 3-month hunger strike in Chistopol prison.

Mrs. Begun recently told about 100 Jewish leaders gathered on Capitol Hill for the National Conference of Soviet Jewry's Action Day for Soviet Jewry "I am afraid for my husband's life."

In 1983, Begun, who has been in refusal since 1971, was sentenced to seven years in a labor camp and five years internal exile for "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda" for teaching Hebrew. He had served two previous terms of external exile.

Mrs. Begun, who last heard from her 54-year-old husband in December, said she, her son, Boris, and other longtime Refuseniks, began a 2-hour daily picket Feb. 9 to demand Iosif be set free and the family allowed to emigrate to Israel.

See page 15 for story on hunger striker Alexander Ioffe.

World-National

Give Shabbat observers exemption

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

It is obvious that Jews have a special interest in the recent decision of the Supreme Court of Canada which upheld the constitutionality of Ontario's Sunday law. The Ontario Retail Business Holidays Act provides that Sunday is the legal "pause day" for the province, and that business establishments will therefore have to close on that day.

Rabbi Plaut

There are some exceptions. For us, the most interesting is the special attention given to Shabbat observers. If they keep closed on Shabbat they may open on Sundays, but only if they employ no more than seven persons and if their retail space is no longer than 5,000 square feet. Shabbat observers with a larger business are therefore out of luck; they must shut down for two days every week.

Pause day

How did the Supreme Court square its decision with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which guarantees equality and religious freedom?

The majority ruled that this guarantee was not absolute but flexible, and that in the interest of the common good reasonable exceptions were permissible. Therefore, they said, the Province of Ontario had the right to institute Sundays as a common pause day, even though this would have a negative effect on certain groups, such as Seventh Day Adventists and Jews. The province's preference for Sunday was considered a reasonable abridgment of religious freedom and equality.

Since the Ontario government will doubtlessly redraw its legislation, what advice might we proffer? There is strong disagreement on that score, amongst us as amongst other Ontarians.

Some would hold that in a multicultural society a compulsory legal pause day should be abolished. Let people observe any rest day they choose, or let them pursue their business if that is their preference. The result would be that most stores would be open on a 7-day-a-week basis. However, such legislation would be strongly opposed by churches and other traditionalists and would probably engender a bitter debate about the rights not only of the minority but also of the majority.

Others believe that there is much to be said in favor of observing a pause day. After all, we Jews were the first to insist that Shabbat had divine sanction, that once a week human beings ought to rest and give thought to spiritual rather than material matters. Christians took over this idea and transferred it to Sunday, and in that context it has functioned in Canadian society. Clearly, such a day makes it possible for families to spend time together away from work, to pursue common spiritual, cultural or recreational activities. Of course, in theory it does not have to be Sunday, but long Canadian tradition would make it the natural choice (which is true even for Soviet countries with their avowedly irreligious philosophy).

Best ideals

It may well be that in time Ontarians may demand an end to any pause day legislation. But for the time being it is with us and as long as it is, it must reflect our highest social purposes and ensure the widest application of religious freedom.

Therefore the Ontario government must now speedily initiate legislation to revise the pause day act. It should exempt all Shabbat observers. Also, the discriminatory treatment currently handed out to book stores must come to an end.

Under present law, the entertainment and tourist industries are exempt from the law, but book stores are not. Video tapes may be sold on Sundays, because they provide entertainment. Books don't qualify. Newspapers and magazines of every kind may be sold on Sundays, but book stores must stay closed (unless they are in a tourist area). This kind of social policy does not conform to our best ideals. Culture, like religious freedom, is a precious commodity and we ought to do everything to guard and promote it.

U.S. Senate Contra-dicts Israel

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

Israel played a key role in first promoting U.S. arms sales to Iran and later in diverting profits from those sales to the Contra rebels in Nicaragua, according to a just-released report by the U.S. Senate intelligence committee.

The 65-page, single-spaced document also said Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin had informed the Reagan administration during a visit to Washington on September 12, 1986, that Israel was prepared to ship "a significant quantity of captured Soviet bloc arms" directly to the Contras.

Rabin's arms offer to the Contras, the report said, was earlier worked out during discussions he personally held with retired U.S. Air Force General Richard Secord, who was effectively in charge of the "private" arming of the Nicaraguan rebels.

The report said that Amiram Nir, the counter-terrorism adviser to the Prime Minister, was at a minimum fully briefed by dismissed National Security Council operative Oliver North about the entire Contra funding scheme and perhaps had even come up with the overall diversion concept himself.

It also suggested that then-Prime Minister Shimon Peres had been informed about the Contra-related operation by Nir. Peres was believed to have been the only other Israeli official fully knowledgeable about all the details of the Israeli involvement in the complicated deal, although Rabin was said to have discussed with North the possibility of Israeli help for the Contras "in general."

In one extremely damaging insinuation, the report quoted from a Central Intelligence Agency memorandum drafted in late October of last year which said that Nir had taken $2 million from the Iran arms profits. But the report did not say what he did with the money. A CIA analyst simply wrote of "indications of funds needed for some unknown purpose by an Israeli official."

The report, for the first time, revealed that by September of last year, the U.S. had lost confidence in operating through Israel's channels to Iran and had instead embarked on a second channel without Israeli involvement. Israel was deliberately cut out of this second channel because of its failure to win the release of all the American hostages in Lebanon, as repeatedly promised.

Thus, by the time that the U.S. arms transfers were first disclosed by a Beirut magazine in early November, Israel had been effectively eliminated from the entire U.S. initiative.

Beyond these allegations, the report maintained that Israel had been deeply involved in selling non-U.S.-made military equipment to Iran long before the U.S. authorization began in the summer of 1985. Israel, it said, had "a strong interest in promoting contacts with Iran" and had reportedly "permitted arms transfers to Iran as a means of furthering their interests."

In sum, the report presented considerable evidence — both from sworn testimony by 36 U.S. witnesses who appeared before the intelligence committee during three weeks of closed-door hearings in December as well as from thousands of pages of classified U.S. governmental documents — that Israeli officials have been consistently lying about their role in the Iran and Contra-related transactions.

Israeli officials in Washington and other pro-Israeli supporters were clearly stunned by the incriminating detail included in the declassified document. Many of the accusations leveled against Israel flatly contradict the repeated public denials made in recent months by Peres, Rabin, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, former foreign ministry director-general David Kimche and other senior Israeli officials.

The evidence that the Israeli government played such a direct role in arming the Contras, for example, is bound to upset many of Israel's friends in Congress, who had been repeatedly assured in recent months by Israeli leaders that Israel had no military connection with the rebels. "Israel's credibility has been shot," one pro-Israeli lawmaker said after reading the report. "How can we believe anything they say any more?"

Many public denials

The overall thrust of the Senate report showed that President Reagan, in authorizing U.S. arms sales to Iran, was primarily motivated by his desire to win the release of the American hostages in Lebanon.

The combination of Reagan's obsession with the hostages, Israel's strong interest in furthering contacts with Iran, the efforts of private arms dealers to make money, and the reappraisal of U.S. strategic policy toward Iran led to the ill-fated policy, according to the report.

The report quoted from a series of U.S. intelligence studies written in 1984 and 1985 describing Israeli interests in Iran. "These studies also reported Israeli shipments of non-U.S. arms to Iran as well as the use of Israeli middlemen as early as 1982 to arrange private deals involving U.S. arms."

But former National Security Advisor Robert McFarlane, who was in office at the start of the initiative, said that he had never been informed by the CIA that Israel had been engaged in such activities during 1981-85. "In fact," the report said, "McFarlane, prompted by news accounts of such activity on the part of Israel, asked the CIA — and the DCI (director for central intelligence) specifically — several times whether the news reports were true. He was told they were not.

"McFarlane testified that if he had known that the Israelis had previously shipped arms to Iran it would have made him less responsive to later Israeli proposals to resume shipments. However, in his first cable to Shultz on the matter, he stated that it was obvious to him the Israeli channel into Iran had existed for some time."

In the Senate report, there was conflicting testimony from chief of staff Donald Regan and McFarlane about whether the President had authorized Israel's first shipment of arms to Iran in August 1985. Regan insisted that the President had not been informed and that McFarlane had told the President — in his presence — that the Israelis, "damn them," had sold 500 TOWs to the Iranians without U.S. knowledge. But McFarlane insisted that the President had expressed oral approval of the transfer and was "elated" a few days later when an American hostage, Rev. Benjamin Weir, was freed.

The report said that Nir was placed in charge of Israel's liaison with the national security council in January 1986 because the Americans were upset that Al Schwimmer, an advisor to Peres and a founder of Israel Aircraft Industries, had mishandled the November 1985 shipment of HAWK missiles to Iran. The Iranians returned the shipment because the missiles were outdated.

AIDS virus moves faster than stubborn human minds

By
ELLEN GOODMAN

BOSTON —

This is how it comes into consciousness:

A statistic is printed in the daily paper. The number of heterosexually transmitted AIDS cases has increased by 200% in the past year.

A secret blood test is taken of women applying for marriage licenses in Almeda County, California. Out of 2,000 women. 0.5% of them have been exposed to the virus.

An NBC special features AIDS victims. Several of them are from "the general population."

A cover story is published in The Atlantic about heterosexuals and AIDS. The subtitle is: "the second stage of the epidemic."

One after the other, alarm bells go off in an ever larger portion of the public mind. Millions of "straight" Americans turn the mental Rolodex of their sexual partners — two or two hundred — and wonder if one of them carried a virus into bed.

"When you go to bed with one man," says a single woman who is far from promiscuous, "you go to bed with his entire sexual history, and the history of all his sexual partners." Says another, "I have worried about getting AIDS but I suppose, incredible as it sounds, I could also worry about giving it."

The AIDS epidemic has entered the worry stream, the 4-o'clock-in-the-morning concerns. If we do not worry for ourselves, it's for our friends, family, children. Many now routinely pore over scare stories and search for antidotes to anxiety in the progress reports from the medical world.

Nevertheless, it is remarkable how little actual behavior has changed. In the Atlantic Magazine, Katie Leishman writes, "AIDS may provide the ultimate test of strategies for behavior modification." But she reports on partners of AIDS patients who go on having sex and without condoms, on gay men who cut back but do not cut out unprotected sex, and on people who shield themselves with intuition: "I would intuit if someone had something as degenerative as the AIDS virus."

This sluggishness that Leishman describes so matter-of-factly, this difficulty in changing private behavior, is linked inexorably to the difficulty of changing public behavior. We have, as yet, no mass program for education or safety.

Last week, Surgeon-General C. Everett Koop said how troubled he was by conservative attacks on his endorsement of AIDS education in the schools. Many in the religious right suspect that AIDS is a front for sneaking sex education into classrooms.

On the other side, old-guard sexual libertarians like Gay Talese brush off the risk to heterosexuals. They suspect that the AIDS scare is a right-wing tool for jolting people back into Victorian morality.

The debate about condoms, that imperfect but important device for protection, seems equally rutted in old arguments. A major San Francisco TV station agreed last week to allow condom ads. But the networks still refuse to air ads for products that might control disease because they also control birth.

Many continue to focus on sexual morality instead of the deadly amorality of a virus. We have not yet made a crucial shift in our priorities, putting health first.

In high schools, dispensing condoms remains controversial. In Las Vegas, when they talked of testing prostitutes, the chief of the vice squad protested: "We're just making it easier for these men." In cities where AIDS is passed from one intravenous drug user to another and to the rest of the population, officials are still querulous about easy access to needles.

There are some who offer a 1-word answer to this epidemic: No. Say no to unwed sex. Say no to prostitution. Say no to drugs. But is this to be our sole national health program: "Say No or Die"? And how do we protect people from those who said "yes"?

To date 30,000 Americans have been stricken by AIDS, 1,200 of them heterosexuals. We have no idea how many carry the virus. As — not IF but AS — AIDS spreads through the population, "no" will become a much more common answer to sex. Testing may become routine, and so will the demand for every kind of protection from education to condoms to clean syringes. But how many more will die before our behavior, public as well as private, is "modified"?

As the stories and statistics pile up, I wonder about our difficulty in treating AIDS as a medical menace. In this biological battle, we are peculiarly enough up against a virus that moves much faster, adapts more agilely and seems tragically more open to change than the human beings it threatens.

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Jewish groups meet with Scott

Continued legal action against Zundel sought

TORONTO (Staff) — Jewish community representatives have advised Ontario Attorney General Ian Scott not to halt legal action against pro-Nazi propagandist Ernst Zundel.

In meetings with Scott last week, spokespeople from Canadian Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith Canada, North American Jewish Students Network and the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association, called on Scott to either take the case to the Supreme Court of Canada or order a new trial. Scott has until Feb. 13 to make his decision.

Zundel was convicted in March 1985 of publishing lies denying the Holocaust occurred and sentenced to 15 months in jail. His appeal of that verdict was upheld recently by the Ontario Court of Appeal, which cited errors during the trial and ordered a new trial.

Scott said his decision on how to proceed, originally expected last week, was delayed so he could canvass a broad range of opinions. He has met with other lawyers, cabinet colleagues and interested organizations.

According to B'nai B'rith spokesmen, a 6-man delegation from the organization advised Scott the only action totally unacceptable was no action at all.

B'nai B'rith president-elect Ralph Snow, a Holocaust survivor, said if leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada was not granted, the organization recommended trying Zundel under the hate propaganda section of the Criminal Code — Section 281.2 — the one used successfully to convict onetime Eckville, Alta. school teacher Jim Keegstra.

He said the hate law section "was specifically designed to address the form of hate propaganda espoused by Zundel."

Snow said reliving the previous trial would be hard on Holocaust survivors, but to withdraw the charges "would not only provide Zundel with the opportunity to claim a victory for his hateful ideology, it would, in the end, result in new demands for charges to be laid when he undoubtedly begins his mass distribution once again."

Attorney-General Scott

Snow said a new trial under Section 177 would be preferable to no trial at all.

Earlier, a 6-member delegation from Network met with Scott to press for continued legal action against Zundel. Eli Cohen, national director of Network, said "Under no circumstances would we wish to have the charges dropped.

"We stressed that he (take) every legal avenue either through an appeal if he feels it would be successful or ask for a new trial under the same section."

Cohen said the attorney general's reaction was "very positive, very favorable. It was a very positive meeting and he wanted to hear everything we had to say and hear the reasons for pushing as we did."

Canadian Jewish Congress added its voice to the chorus of those calling for an appeal of the judgment to the Supreme Court (CJN Feb. 5).

Helen Smolack, chairwoman of the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association, told The CJN "our position is that there should be an appeal to the Supreme Court and if necessary, definitely a new trial. To do nothing is completely unacceptable. We will pursue it until something is done."

Sabina Citron, one of the founders of the CHRA, began the legal process against Zundel when she filed charges under the false news provision of the Criminal Code. Earlier, the attorney general at that time, Roy McMurtry, declined to give his permission to a prosecution under the Section 281.2 hate law provision.

Montreal developer wins bid

Jerusalem gives mall okay

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — Over the millennia, Jews have prayed for the rebuilding of Jerusalem — but a huge, North American-style shopping centre? Montreal developer David Azrieli has been given the go-ahead for just such a project by the City of Jerusalem, winning the tender over four other rival bidders.

Canit Ltd., of which Azrieli is chairman, was awarded the contract to build a mall on 55 square kilometres of land in the southwest outskirts of Jerusalem, an area known as Malcha located within the Green Line. Its bid of $8 million (U.S.) to lease the land for 98 years was the second highest, Azrieli said.

"The City of Jerusalem and the Israel Lands Administration, which jointly own the land, also took into account our experience in the development and management of a shopping centre in Israel."

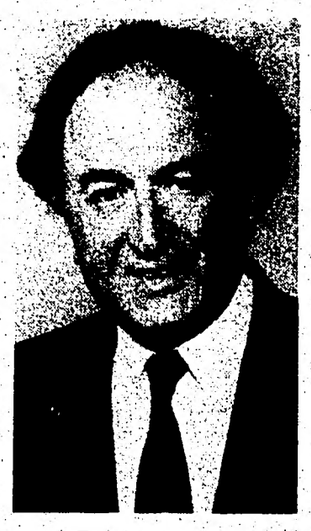
Canit designed, built and operates Israel's only other enclosed mall, the innovative Canion Ayalon in Ramat Gan, near Tel Aviv, which will be two years old in July. That shopping centre, though less than half the size of the one proposed for Jerusalem, has been "enormously successful," he said, with total sales of over $90 million U.S. this year.

Canit is building another mall in the Negev city of Beersheba. The cornerstone laying ceremony for that project is scheduled for Feb. 24.

The other contenders in the closed bid for the Jerusalem complex were Azorim Construction Ltd., a subsidiary of Clal Industries Ltd., Yuval Gad Ltd., a unit of Koor Industries Ltd. (both parent companies being among Israel's largest conglomerates); and two joint ventures with Israeli firms and U.S. and Swiss concerns. The Jerusalem Post described the competition for the tender as "hotly contested."

"It's a very desirable plum," said Azrieli, who is approaching this project as a privilege, perhaps even a mitzvah, because of the special character of the Holy City. Estimated cost of building the shopping centre is $40 million (U.S.)

The target date for its opening is 1990, before the High Holidays. However, Azrieli indicated the red tape involved with a project of this size means that date is by no means certain.



David Azrieli

What the City of Jerusalem has approved at this point is Canit's "concept" of the shopping centre. Azrieli hopes approval of the final design will be received by the spring of 1988 and construction will begin by that fall.

The preliminary design calls for a 2-storey mall with 500,000 square feet of floor space. "Big even by North American standards," said Azrieli, who has built several shopping centres on this continent, under his company Canpro Investments.

Envisioned are such modern features as escalators, glassed-in areas, greenery and fountains. The exterior will have to be of the pinkish stone required by Jerusalem's bylaws. The mall will probably have three "anchors," the big department stores and supermarkets that serve as main attractions, about six cinemas, more than 20 restaurants, a drugstore, two banks and another 150 stores of various sorts.

Azrieli said he has already received "very encouraging" indications from Israel's major retailers that they are interested in locating in the mall. He is fully confident Jerusalemites will be as enthusiastic about their mall as citizens of Ramat Gan have been. In fact, shoppers are presently bused in from Jerusalem and elsewhere to the Canion Ayalon.

The shopping centre is part a larger plan for the development of this area of the capital. A national stadium and spacious facilities for high technology research are also called for. Tennis courts have already been built on the site. Azrieli said Canit is considering bidding for the high-tech facilities as well.

Azrieli said the Jerusalem authorities, and Mayor Teddy Kollek in particular, are taking a keen interest in the development and want the shopping centre to be "exemplary" in its design and function. That is why a wide open call for tenders was not held.

Azrieli said Kollek phoned him in Montreal to congratulate him after he won the bid.

After the mall is built, Canit will continue to be its manager, leasing — rather than selling — space and collecting a percentage of each store's sales. This system allows Canit to control every phase of the mall's operation, from the stores' window displays to the general upkeep of the premises. "This mall will be something Jerusalem is proud of," Azrieli said.

The development of this area of the city has been under study for many years, Azrieli said. It is not near the historical heart of Jerusalem and is not encroaching on residential sections of the city. The area is on a railway line and, he believes, a new major road link will be built through this area in the future.

Azrieli said there has been no serious opposition to the shopping centre project. Religious groups have demanded that the neighboring stadium not be used on Shabbat.

Unlike the Ramat Gan mall, Azrieli said the one in Jerusalem will have to be completely closed on Shabbat, in compliance with the city's bylaws. Ramat Gan has permitted the mall to keep its restaurants and cinemas open on Shabbat.

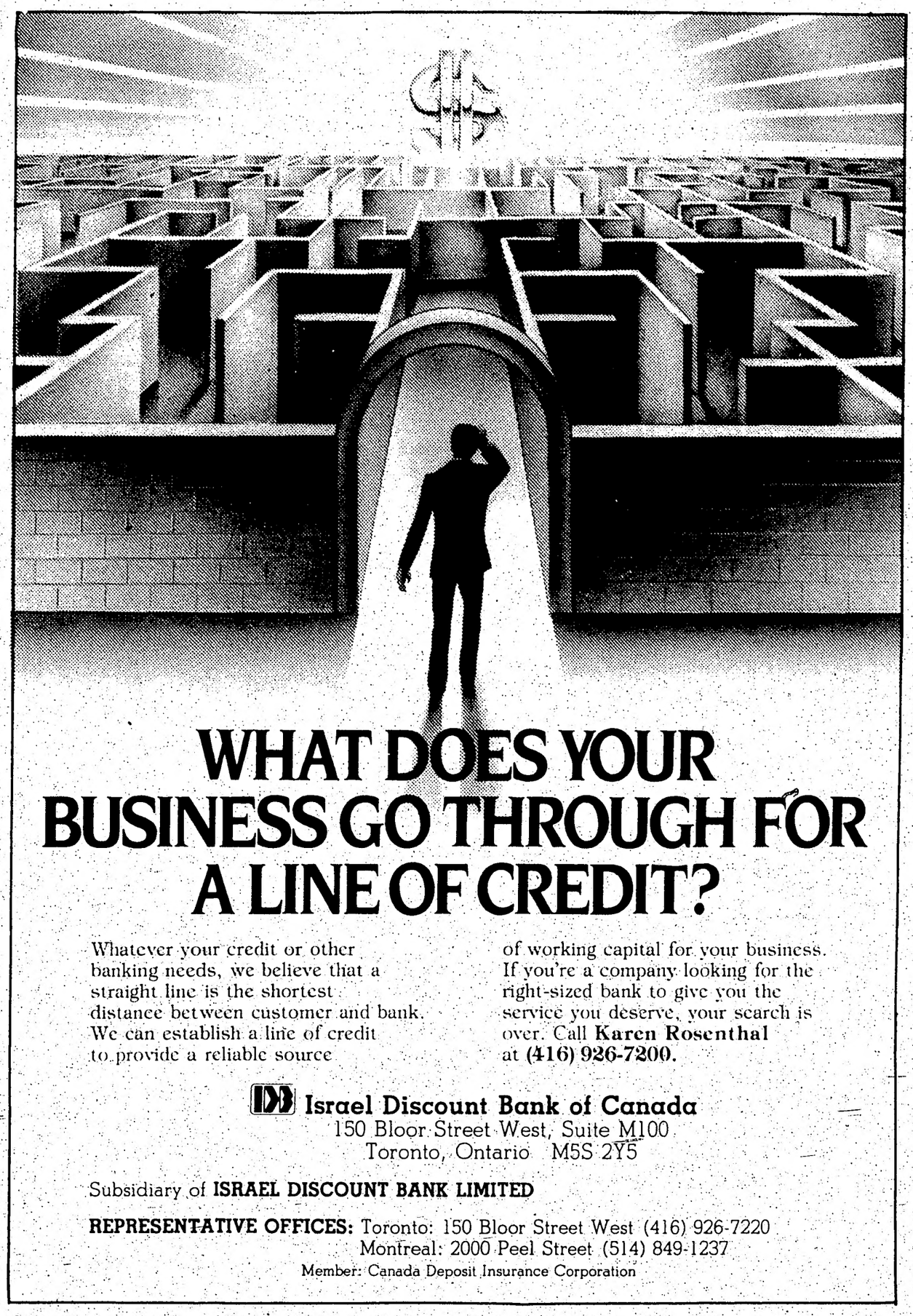
Mordechai Hod named IAI head

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Maj.-Gen. (Res.) Mordechai Hod, former commander of the Israel Air Force, has been appointed chairman of the board of Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI).

The appointment was approved by Premier Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, in consultation with Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Minister-Without-Portfolio Moshe Arens.

Arens, a former defence minister and an aeronautical engineer by training, had blocked Hod's appointment on grounds of conflict of interest. The general was, until recently, the Israeli representative of Northrup, a major American manufacturer of military aircraft, and as such was opposed to the Lavi, Israel's second-generation jet combat plane which is manufactured by IAI.

Arens, a vigorous backer of the Lavi project, withdrew his objections after Hod informed him last week that he no longer represented Northrup and was determined to produce the Lavi as head of IAI.



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RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: Where do we stand on homosexuality?

Norman L Munn's Psychology, a textbook published in 1946, has no mention of this subject in its index. Basic Psychology: Brief Edition (1971) by Howard and Tracy Kendler, has about one column on the prevalence of homosexuality, and aversion therapy for it. Annual Editions, Readings in Psychology 74-75, has an article on it by a San Francisco psychiatrist. Today, it's an epidemic.

Rabbi Burak

The Torah, in chaste language, tells us in Leviticus, Chapter 18:22: "Thou shalt not lie with mankind as with womankind; it is an abomination." Chief Rabbi Hertz z.l., in his commentary, tells us that "this unnatural vice was also prevalent in Greece and Rome." Sinners, however, talk of the joys of such encounters.

But then, that's always the way sin presents itself. In the Bible, the lady says unto her lover: "I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning. Let us solace ourselves with love, for the good man is not at home; he is gone on a long journey."

The closing lines and conclusions from such conversations are given in Proverbs, Chapter 9:17-18: "She saith to him, 'Stolen waters are sweet and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.' But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of the nether-world." That's the misery of all such unholy couplings.

Not all the ancient Greeks wanted the gay experience. Alexander the Great, for whom the Talmud had considerable affection, had no use for it. Plutarch, in his essay on Alexander, book 22, tells us how angry Alexander was with one of his commanders who wrote "that there was with him a certain Theodore of Tarentum who had two boys of remarkable beauty for sale" and wanted to know if the monarch was interested.

"Alexander was furious and cried out again and again to his friends asking them what signs of baseness Philoxenus had ever observed in him that he should waste his time making disgraceful proposals. To Philoxenus himself, he wrote a letter of severe reprimand, ordering him to send Theodore and his wares to the devil."

Should the advocates of homosexual encounters explain that not everyone can be as strong, in resisting such temptations, as was Alexander the Great, the Talmud has a blueprint for them. In Tractate Sanhedrin, 107A, a sage had this advice: "There is a small organ in man which satisfies him in hunger, but makes him hunger when satisfied." This means that "the appetite grows, by what it feeds on."

Today, when we are getting laws to stop you from smoking in public places because of the harm that does to innocent people, it should be possible to posit this rule: "Nobody has the right to make rules for himself when such a way of life can ruin the lives of innocent people."

That's another way of stating Kant's Categorical Imperative: "Act as if the maxim of thy action were to become by thy will a universal law of nature." With AIDS assuming the proportions of a plague, do you want that spread all over the world? Then, you will have a world with no children. You feel for the environment? This can destroy the world.

With sadness. I look at an article in the New York Times, Sunday, May 20, 1979. There it tells of the founding of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav by three men, as a homosexual synagogue, in 1977. Their rabbi was gay.

"The Sha'ar Zahav observances resemble those of the liberal branch of Judaism, except that neuter pronouns are used for the deity. . . ."

Why must they call their spiritual leader a rabbi, when he and they are so modern?

Ancient problem, says rabbi

Tolerance urged to ease divisions

By
SHEILA DROPKIN

TORONTO —

Although world Jewry is concerned about the plurality and divisiveness in Jewish communities, historically this state of affairs is not unusual, Rabbi Reuven Bulka told members of the Toronto Association of Professionals in Jewish Communal Service at their February meeting.

Spiritual leader of Machzikei Hadas Synagogue in Ottawa, the rabbi traced Jewish community conflicts back to Cain and Abel and up through numerous other incidents in the Bible and history.

"We have a tremendous capacity to tear ourselves apart," he said. "The evolution of Judaism and Christianity was caused by a split in the family. What we have now is not just a question of Orthodox and Reform. We have so many different groups in the community, that it's unfair to say that this is the only manifestation" of the plurality.

From centre to the right

He believes that the Reform and Orthodox groups would probably get along if there were not a "host" of sociological problems. He cited intermarriage, divorce and conversion as the major problem areas.

Over the years, Reform ideology has accommodated itself to the times, he said, and has moved closer to Orthodox beliefs. Once anti-Israel, it is now fervently for the Jewish state and formerly anti-kashruth, it is now accepting kashruth. Unfortunately, Rabbi Bulka added, as the Reform movement moves more to the centre, the Orthodox community is moving farther to the right.

Orthodox himself, Bulka confessed that in his younger years he was also very right wing and not at all accepting of either Reform or Conservative thinking. Maturity has mellowed him to the point that he is personally uncomfortable with some ultra-Orthodox Jews, and many find him too liberal.

There are solutions for the problems, the rabbi said, but "they're not around the corner." He cited as one possible solution, the suggestion by a New York rabbi that Reform rabbis perform marriages and Orthodox rabbis take care of all the divorces, since the Reform divorces are not recognized by the Orthodox.

He added that sometimes "hyper - emotionalism" doesn't permit solutions to be found and suggested that perhaps the most efficient and effective way to find accommodation is for the lay people, the congregants, to force the issue. One community in New York is contemplating passing a resolution that none of their members be permitted to marry Reform Jews. Believing this to be a major folly, Rabbi Bulka added that it's up to all other Jews to make sure that this type of thinking doesn't spread "or "10-15 years down the road" there will be more trouble.

"It is not the obligation of the Orthodox to make sure the Reform become Orthodox or vice-versa," Bulka stated. "It is the obligation of the people in the mainstream to make sure that no one becomes disenfranchised because of the irresponsibility of the hierarchy.

"What we have to develop is a passion for moderation and tolerance. We have to have a fierce loyalty and zeal for moderation."

STAR IS A MEMBER

Sylvia Olshen, president of the First Narayever Congregation in Toronto is seen with the synagogue's newest member — Jerry Lewis. The actor-comedian was in Toronto to appear in the movie Fight For Life, which was being made there. The producers needed to shoot a scene in a synagogue in Birmingham, England, and the Narayever was chosen because it is built in the style of an old, small European shul. Interested in the congregation, where men and women participate equally in a traditional service, Lewis became a member.

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Special importance of trees

Tu B'Shevat has deep roots

By RABBI BERNARD S. RASKAS

In the middle of the Hebrew month of Shevat, Israel's severe winter rain tapers off. Signs of spring appear. The weather becomes milder and the fields sprout green. A tumult of flowers of every kind and color carpets the earth. The birds return from their migration.

This is the time of Tu B'Shevat (the 15th of Shevat or Feb. 14 this year), called in the Talmud "Rosh Hashanah L'Eilanot" (New Year for Trees). It's the day when it is decreed "which (plants) shall flourish and grow and which shall wither and shrink; which shall suffer from adverse weather and harmful insects and which shall brave all dangers."

The celebration has deep roots in rabbinic literature. Some historians believe that hundreds of years ago, the mystic sages of Safed organized a seder for Tu B'Shevat. Tables were set with white cloths, bedecked with fruits and graced with flasks of both red and white wine. The two colors represented the changing of seasons.

In Jewish mystic literature we are told, "It is a good custom for those who walk upright to eat an abundance of fruit on this day and give expression to words of songs and praise for them."

There was a lovely custom in ancient Israel to plant a cedar sapling at the birth of a boy and a cypress at that of a girl. The cedar symbolized strength and stature, the cypress signified gentleness and sweetness.

The children cared for the trees planted in their honor. When they married, branches from the trees were part of the chupah.

Once, while the sage Honi was walking along a road, he saw a man planting a carob tree. Honi asked him, "How many years will it require for this tree to give forth fruit?"

The man replied it would take 70 years.

Honi asked, "Are you so healthy a man that you expect to live that length of time and eat its fruit?"

The man replied, "I found a fruitful world because my forefathers planted for me. So will I do for my children" (Taanit 23).

Rabbi Isaac told the following parable: A man was wandering in the desert, hungry, thirsty and exhausted with heat. He chanced upon a tree with sweet fruit, a pleasant shadow and a small brook flowing at its base.

He ate the fruit, drank the water and rested in its shade. When he rose to leave, he addressed the tree: "O tree, how can I bless you? If I were to say, 'May your shade be pleasant' — it is already pleasant.

"Were I to say, 'May your fruit be sweet' — it is already sweet. And were I to say, 'May there be a brook at your feet' — the brook is already there. My blessing will therefore be, 'May all your saplings be like you' " (Taanit 5).

The Fifth Zionist Congress, held in 1901 in Basel, Switzerland, passed a resolution that was to have a far-reaching effect on the development of Eretz Yisrael. The congress created Keren Kayamet LeYisrael, or Jewish National Fund (JNF), to reclaim the land.

JNF has been mainly responsible for the afforestation of Israel. It claims to have planted 175 million trees. Forests primarily of pine cover 175,000 acres of rocky hillside across the Judean hills and Galilee mountains, coastal plains and Negev Desert.

Since the creation of the state, JNF has stressed the special importance of planting trees to help convert barren wasteland into thriving rural communities.

Trees are planted in every pioneering village as well as army camps in order to screen out the sun, control dust and serve as breaks to protect property, vulnerable field crops and hot houses against land erosion by wind and rain.

JNF also stresses the public care of recreational areas in mature forests. Every Tu B'Shevat, Independence Day, Pesach and Succoth thousands of students distribute trash bags to visitors picnicking in major forests as well as literature about prominent archaeological and historical attractions to help them form a personal attachment to Israel's rejuvenated forests.

Forests have helped restore much wildlife and flora to the Holy Land. And by replanting the woodlands that covered Israel in the days of the patriarchs and matriarchs, JNF also is strengthening a living link between modern and historic Israel.

On each Tu B'Shevat, the people of Israel, young and old alike, march from the towns and fields, over mountains and through deserts, toward marshes and sand dunes to plant trees. They are fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah 61:3,4: "And they shall build up the wasted areas, they shall raise up the former desolations, they shall repair the waste cities, the ruins of many generations."

For the rest of the world, the advice of Rabbi Yochanan Ben Zakkai still holds: "If you should have a sapling in your hand and be suddenly told that the Messiah has come, plant the sapling first and afterwards go welcome the Messiah!" (Taanit 5).

A young sabra and an Ethiopian immigrant to Israel prepare to plant a Tu B'Shevat tree.

Celebration shows Jews' love for Israel

Tu B'Shevat — the New Year for Trees — expresses the Jew's love for the soil of the land of Israel.

At this time of the year Canadian Jewry is still freezing in a winter climate, but in Israel the first signs of awakening spring are manifest. The "shekadiah" — the almond tree, is the herald of spring and it has pride of place in the celebration of Tu B'Shevat for its rosy white buds are the first to blossom, even before its leaves are sprouted.

Since the establishment of the State of Israel this festival has taken on deeper significance and fresh vitality, for it has become linked with the need to develop the land and afforest the desert wastes.

In Israel, the main pastime of the nationwide celebration on Tu B'Shevat is the tree planting ceremony, when pupils from every school assemble and follow their teachers into the countryside to plant young saplings. These ceremonies underline the religious and historical message of Tu B'Shevat, and on a practical level, make the children aware of the need for re-afforestation and soil conservation to beautify the country.

Through the Jewish National Fund of Canada, we too celebrate Tu B'Shevat. . . . The adults by way of community telethons and contributions to direct mail appeals. The children, with the help of their teachers in our Jewish schools, arrange meaningful programs which explain the historical and religious development as well as the modern significance of this charming festival.

In a letter addressed to all Jewish students in Canada, the students of Jerusalem write:

"Remember when we told you about Tu B'Shevat in Israel, how we plant trees and how we help JNF in the forests? Well, this year we will do it again on your behalf, and with lots of thoughts about you, hoping that one day you will come to Israel with your parents to plant a tree with your own hands."

Trees in Negev

JERUSALEM — Israelis have an extra reason for a happy Tu B'Shevat this year: A Hebrew University scientist is successfully growing trees in situations where they have never been grown before — in the Negev desert near Sde Boker.

The new technique has allowed the cultivation of trees in a region that annually receives just over 4 inches of rainfall.

Developed by geography professor Aharon Yair, it uses special water harvesting techniques he developed to exploit desert conditions.

As part of an extensive study of local conditions, Yair examined the techniques used by the ancient Nabateans, who lived in the region approximately 2,000 years ago.

Yair is now planning to expand the scope of his experiments and, with help from the JNF, to plant several thousand trees, including trees of economic value.

The JNF unveiled the grove of trees in a ceremony on Jan. 20 as part of the Ben-Gurion centenary celebrations.

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World-National

Ida Nudel talks to WIZO members

Refusenik tells women to continue protests

By SHEILA DROPKIN

TORONTO — Hearing the voice of long-time Refusenik Ida Nudel in a telephone call to the Soviet Union was the highlight of the Recent Canadian Hadassah-WIZO National Aviv Conference for its 200 participants from across the country.

The organization has long been involved in the Soviet Jewry movement and has adopted the cause of Nudel as its own. Arrangements for the call had been made three days in advance and it took only five minutes to get through.

Speaking in both Russian and English (with Lily Frank, the organization's excecutive vice-president translating the Russian), Nudel urged the Canadian women to maintain their active protests on behalf of the Refuseniks.

These actions mean "everything" to her, she stated, adding that the public demonstrations of world Jewry provide the Refuseniks with their primary means of protection from more drastic Soviet action. Nudel closed the 10-minute conversation with the hope that she would soon be "together with all Jews in our homeland, Israel."

Designed to inform and inspire Hadassah-WIZO's younger members, the weekend conference was the brainchild of Frank and Cecily Peters, national president. Taube Zeifman, first vice-president of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, was the conference chairman, with Debra Cooper serving as vice-chairman.

In her address welcoming the participants, Peters said the conference was the first major event in Hadassah-WIZO's 70th year which is currently being celebrated. She said it will be a year in which the past will be honored while at the same time, plans will be made for the future.

Peters paid homage to the founders of the organization and her predecessors as president and urged the Aviv members (those under 45) to become more fully involved and prepare for leadership in the years to come.

Norma Joseph, Orthodox feminist and lecturer at Montreal's Concordia University, provided the opening evening's keynote address with a presentation on Women in Motion, in which she reviewed the changing roles of volunteers.

Saturday was devoted to personal development through workshops led by Chaviva Hosek on Women Gaining Political Power, Betty Rae Abramsky on Stress and Time Management and Estelle Altman on Self-Development and Goal Setting.

The evening was turned over to guest speaker Naomi Chazan, professor of African Studies at Hebrew University, Jerusalem, and visiting professor in political science at Radcliffe College and Harvard University, Boston.

Chazan gave participants an update on current Israeli politics and explained that, in her view, this is an ideal time for Israeli women to put women's issues on the national agenda.

Things are relatively quiet now, she explained, with the government coalition working far more successfully than had been anticipated and all parties are gearing up for the 1988 elections.

"The status of women in Israeli society is not as it should be," she added. "Women are still undervalued. Our legislation regarding equal pay for work of equal time is the most progressive in the world, but the reality doesn't live up to it."

Rape and wife battering are serious problems which are being inadequately dealt with, Chazan stated. The "parochialization of Israeli life," with the rabbinical courts having the final say over marriages and divorce, is a particular Israeli problem, she said.

Israeli professor Naomi Chazan (second from left) receives plaque marking her participation in the recent Canadian Hadassah-WIZO National Aviv Conference. Seen with her are (from left) the organization's Taube Zeifman, Debra Cooper, Cecily Peters and Lily Frank.

Women outraged at funeral ban

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israeli women are outraged by a ban imposed by the rabbis of Migdal Ha'emek against women attending funerals on grounds that they may be "unclean" and therefore responsible for the abnormally high number of deaths in that town recently.

Women attending a funeral there last week were ordered by officials of the burial society to "stay back." The two chief rabbis of the town, Avraham Menahem and Yitzhak David Grossman, ruled that women must leave after eulogies are delivered for the deceased and before burial.

Burial society officials, all Orthodox Jews, said the failure of many women to observe the laws of family purity made them unclean and their presence at funerals together with men was therefore undesirable. They were allowed to visit the grave only after the men had left. These included not only friends but the daughters, granddaughters and sisters of the deceased woman.

Tova Lichtenstein, advisor on women's affairs to the minister of religion, protested the ban. "Men and women were created in the image of God and should be treated equally," she argued.

Rabbi Pinhas Peli, a professor of Jewish studies at Ben-Gurion University, accused the Migdal Ha'emek rabbis of "a primitive and paganist approach."

Israel's oldest resident is dead at age 119

TEL AVIV (JTA) — **The oldest resident of Israel has died.**

Dib Ali Jordan, of the Arab village of Jisr Zerka, south of Haifa, had a fruitful lifetime of 119 years and his descendants are said to number in the thousands.

He fathered his youngest son at the age of 92.

Dib Ali had six children by his first wife, who died in 1932, and 14 by his second wife, whom he married two years later.

Villagers claim that about half the 5,000 residents of Jisr Zerka are Dib's kin. They say he had 200 grandchildren, 800 great-grandchildren and several hundred great-great-grandchildren.

According to some of his children, Dib led a clean, outdoor life. He did not smoke, or drink alcohol, was an avid hunter and took long walks daily until only a month before he died.

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WOLF — SIEFF

In blessing his sons, Jacob foresaw the roles of his children and in some instances described their character in terms of animals. Judah was compared to a lion, Naphtali to a deer and Benjamin to a wolf:

"Benjamin is a wolf that raveneth." — (Genesis 49.27)

The descendants of Benjamin found it apt to adopt the surname Wolf and their descendants became Wolfsohn.

The Hebrew word for wolf is Ze'ev. There are a number of variations of Ze'ev in present nomenclature. Lord Sieff of England owes his name to Zeev. So too does the prominent family of Ziff of Fort Erie, Ont., one of whose members became the mayor. Another, David of Toronto, is one of my golfing buddies.

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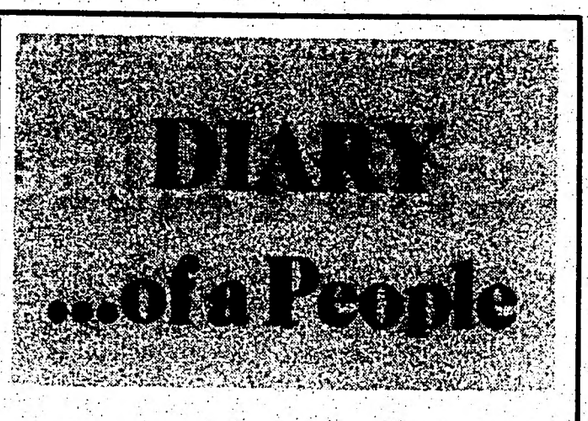

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Shevat 17 (Feb. 16 this year) marks the Purim of Saragossa, commemorating the Spanish community's temporary salvation in 1420.

Saragossa was founded as the Roman trading and military outpost Caesar Augusta. Straddling the Ebro, it stood at the fulcrum of the mediaeval world. The Ebro valley provided a vital transport route linking the Mediterranean to the Bay of Biscay — of strategic importance in confrontations between and among Moslem, Christian and Viking forces. Saragossa also dominated the intermountain valley from the Pyrenees in the east to the Atlantic in the west, another major military, trade and pilgrimage route. During a good part of the 500-year Moslem occupation of Spain, Saragossa occupied the turbulent frontier between the Arab and Christian worlds.

For centuries, Saragossa served as way station for hardy Jewish merchants who plied the intersecting valleys. The city's Jews, largely artisans, also included scholars, poets, and physicians. Of particular note was Bodo, a young prince from Aachen who converted to Judaism. From then Moslem-controlled Saragossa, he sent missives condemning apostates from Judaism, while heading the local army and urging the suppression of Christian agitators.

Saragossa's community of up to 5,000 families was a cosmopolitan one. Its judaizing influence on the Christian quarter was condemned by prelates, as was by Jewish leaders its intermarriage. Its synagogues were among Spain's most lavish.

Community declined

Saragossa's reconquest by Christian forces in 1118 launched steadily increasing restrictions and taxes, as well as ritual murder charges. Intimidation, emigration and forced conversions redoubled after a lengthy disputation in Tortosa. Leadership dwindled, and administration of its affairs fell into the inexperienced and preoccupied hands of its workers. The community declined sharply.

King Alfonso V, alarmed at Saragossa's demise, intervened. He ordered the appointment of a proper communal structure, and the restoration of commandeered synagogue and confiscated sets of Talmud. He allowed the Jews to defend themselves against the ever increasing missionary sermons of apostates sponsored by the church. Alfonso gained popularity among the Jews of Saragossa unprecedented for a ruler since Moslem times. He also earned the hatred of local churchmen.

In the early weeks of 1420, Alfonso announced an impending official visit. The new communal leadership invited him to a festive reception. The quarter's market and fair grounds were scrubbed clean, to receive Alfonso and the 36 Torahs — three from each synagogue — that were to be paraded out for him. Church plotters conspired to poison his deserved honors and turn his favor into enmity.

In a concerted effort with spies and informer Chaim Saami, they convinced Jewish leaders to remove the Torah scrolls beforehand and bring out only the cases. At the same time, they met the king on route with the accusation that the Jews were about to repay his kindness with the gross insult of an insincere and empty ceremony. Alfonso was told the Jews considered him unfit to approach their scrolls, an idolator whose gaze would pollute their writings.

The cases were brought out bedecked in festival finery, as the ceremony proceeded with much fanfare. In its midst, Alfonso shocked the elders with an unexpected demand to have the cases opened. They demurred, but Alfonso, goaded on by the informers at his side, was insistent. Step by painful step, the cases were stripped of their embroidered velvet mantles and silver shields and crowns. The leaders were by then too overcome by the doom that hovered before them to remonstrate further. The plotters gloated. Alfonso waited. The unknowing crowds cheered on.

The first case swung open to reveal . . . a scroll. So did the second. And the third, and fourth. One by one, each case proved full. The plotters fell speechless in their astonishment. The king nodded his approval. The ceremony proceeded.

The replacement of the scrolls was never explained, but celebrated annually as a miracle for the duration of the community's existence in Spain, another 72 years.

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Globe decries anti-Deschenes ad

TORONTO —

An advertisement by a coalition of predominantly Eastern European groups warning against creation of a special Nazi-hunting agency in Canada drew a stinging reply from the Toronto Globe and Mail last week. (Such an agency has been predicted as a recommendation in the Deschenes Commission report.)

The ad, headed "Protect the Innocent" above a sketch of children, claimed civil liberties would be threatened by creation of a "special" Nazi-hunting agency.

The Globe and Mail, however, noted the Eastern European federations "from the outset of the Deschenes probe have confused a legitimate and overdue manhunt for individual war criminals with a witchhunt aimed at their communities."

The Globe editorial challenged the major assertions raised in the ad, noting "the advertisers are themselves culpable of disinformation."

It said the Deschenes Commission, whose report on Nazi war criminals the government is expected to release at any time, tackled concerns about Soviet-supplied evidence by requiring they "would have to meet Canadian standards of justice."

It dismissed concerns raised in the ad that the American Office of Special Investigations "singled out and prosecuted Eastern Europeans" leading to slandering of whole ethnic communities.

"In fact, the OSI has adduced evidence against war criminal suspects of German as well as Eastern European origins," the Globe stated. "Significantly, the Polish and Serbian communities, which suffered at the hands of the Nazis or their puppets, do not view the OSI as a defamer of Eastern Europeans."

The ad — a full page in the national section sells for $26,833, according to the Globe advertising department — was sponsored by the Ukrainian Canadian Committee, the Slovenian National Federation of Canada, the Croation Canadian Community, the German Canadian Congress, three Baltic federations, as well as the Canadian Coalition for Vietnamese Human Rights, the Afghan Association of Ontario (Canada), the National Congress of Italian Canadians and Canadians for Justice.

The ad states the creation of the OSI in the United States led to "disastrous results," including courts stripping immigrants of citizenship and deporting "defendants" to the Soviet Union for breaking immigration laws.

The Globe noted, however, that U.S. courts have ordered the deportation of 19 U.S. residents and the denaturalization of 23 others — "only upon proof that they entered the country illegally by concealing membership in pro-Nazi organizations or participation in war crimes. Only one deportation was to the Soviet Union."

Referring to the OSI and the Menzies Review, the Australian counterpart to the Deschenes inquiry which recommended legal action against war criminals, the Globe stated "justice is in belated pursuit of Nazi war criminals. It could happen here. It *should* happen here."

Story of Wiesenthal heading for big screen

LOS ANGELES —

The Simon Wiesenthal Story: Murderers Among Us, a biographical drama about the renowned Nazi-hunter, will be produced by Robert Cooper productions of Toronto and Los Angeles and HBO Pictures.

The production was announced recently by Robert Cooper, president of Robert Cooper Productions, and Michael Fuchs, chairman and chief executive officer of Home Box Office Inc., at a news conference at the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles.

In attendance were Wiesenthal, Rabbi Marvin Heir, dean of the Wiesenthal Center, Cooper and Fuchs. Cooper said that the film was being produced with the assistance of the CTV television network, which will carry it in Canada.

The project marks the first time that Wiesenthal has permitted anyone to film his life story. The screenplay is being written by Academy Award winner Abby Mann (Judgment at Nuremberg) and Lane Slate. Principal photography will begin this spring at a variety of locations in Europe.

"We consider it an honor to bring this film to the public," commented Fuchs. "Simon Wiesenthal is one of the most significant figures of our time — a hero who has raised the consciousness of the world and helped to redress the wrongs suffered by millions of innocent victims. I personally feel a great responsibility to do justice to Mr. Wiesenthal's story."

Cooper, for whom the project represents his fifth collaboration with HBO Pictures, added, "Every now and then a filmmaker is fortunate enough to work on a project of worldwide importance. The Simon Wiesenthal Story: Murderers Among Us is that kind of story because Mr. Wiesenthal is a man who has committed himself to the selfless pursuit of justice."

"In the past, I have been approached many times by people who wanted to do a film or book on my life," said Wiesenthal. "Only now, having met and talked extensively with Mr. Fuchs and Mr. Cooper, am I confident that the spirit of my story will be faithfully represented."

"Helped redress wrongs"

One of Canada's most active producers, Cooper produced The Terry Fox Story. His subsequent HBO Pictures productions have included Between Friends, with Elizabeth Taylor and Carol Burnett; The Guardian, with Martin Sheen and Louis Gossett Jr., which was nominated for five ACE Awards; and Florida Straits, with Raul Julia and Fred Ward. Among his other credits are the TV movie Hoax and the theatrical film Running.

Currently, he is producing Adderly in Toronto, a detective series now showing on the CBS and Global networks.

He has also just acquired the rights to the story of New York model Marla Hansen, whose life and career were threatened when she was slashed in the face with a razor, and is developing it as a movie for NBC-TV.

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Editorial

The CBC's shame

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation recently celebrated its 50th anniversary. Founded half a century ago, the corporation has had, among its many mandates, the fostering of goodwill among Canadians all across our country.

On Friday, Jan. 30 the CBC violated that aspect of its mandate when it won the sleaze award of the week on its Toronto-based program, Radio Noon. It did so by permitting 7½ minutes of free radio time to Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel.

The corporation compounded its tastelessness in presenting Zundel with the free publicity by shamelessly deceiving the individual who was originally invited to be the guest of the program.

Sabina Citron of the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association had been invited to appear on the show and field phone calls about the utility of having a second trial for Zundel.

When she arrived at the studio Mrs. Citron learned for the first time that the CBC would also be hearing from Zundel as part of its programming. To her credit Mrs. Citron publicly admonished the CBC for its deviousness in this matter.

Anxious, however, to get on with the business at hand, she prepared herself to respond to questions called in by listeners. A second indignity was foisted upon her by the CBC when she discovered that her microphone had been cut off.

It is no wonder that Mrs. Citron stormed off the program while it was still being aired. It is a tribute to the woman's integrity that she waited as long as she did before leaving the talk show.

Radio Noon host David Schatzky has been quoted as saying that Mrs. Citron had every right to be angry.

When the host of a CBC program confesses that a guest has been treated shoddily the presumption exists that the corporation is bereft of ethics in dealing both with its employees and with the Canadian people.

The misguided invitation extended to Zundel to repeat his obscenities on the CBC as well as the corporation's insulting behavior towards Mrs. Citron cannot be cursorily dismissed.

At the very least the corporation should publicly apologize to Mrs. Citron — and to the Canadian people.

Kosher Food Expo

New York City is unique in many ways. It is a pacesetter in the world of business, finance, literature and fashion.

Beginning in March of this year, however, New York City will achieve another first which is of special interest to the Jewish community.

From March 7 until the 10 the city will host the world's first "Kosher Food Expo."

This 1st annual event will be held at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center and excitement is already building as participants ready their booths and exhibits.

The Kosher Expo has received the cooperation of more than 40 different Jewish organizations and is being touted by none other than Mayor Edward Koch himself. He thinks the idea is a terrific one.

Irving Silverman, the brains behind Kosher Expo, says that the event is "a show whose idea has come." Himself a producer of kosher food products, Silverman says that consumption of kosher food is increasing. Even non-Jews are turning to the product because of widely-held beliefs that kosher foods are cleaner and healthier.

The Kosher Expo is in response to this ever widening circle of consumers who now expect to see all manner of kosher products at their supermarkets, says Silverman.

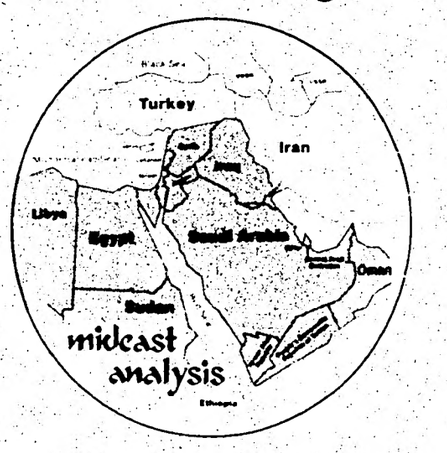
Kosher Expo will feature a lot more than gastronomy, according to its organizers. There will be cooking demonstrations, of course. But Kosher Expo is expanding its mandate to present a panoply of cultural and religious activities to complement the food displays.

There will be special lectures by prominent Jewish authors on a variety of themes as well as programs directed at children.

It is intriguing to note that several verses from the Book of Leviticus, chapter 11, will have their public day at Kosher Expo in the Big Apple.

Situation worsens dramatically

Security zone woes increase



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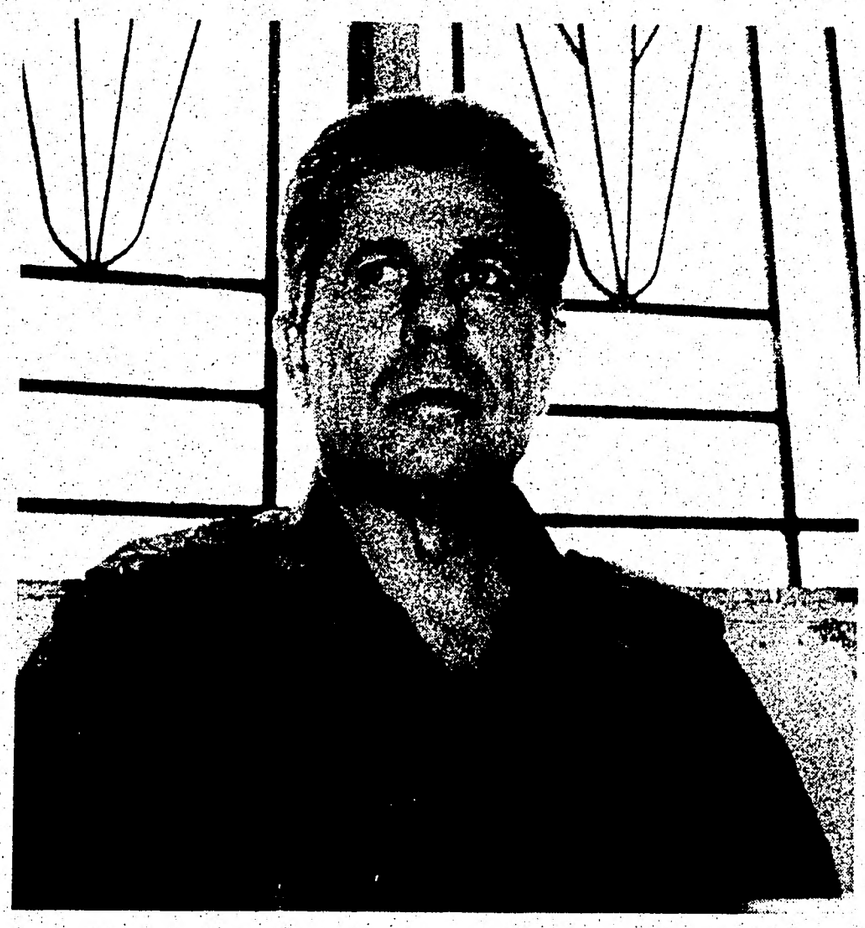

Antoine Lahad, Israel's ally

Israel's policy of minimal involvement in Lebanese affairs is being severely tested by its enemies.

Nearly five years after its invasion of Lebanon, Israel finds itself as preoccupied with its northern border as it was in 1982.

In 1985, Israel withdrew the bulk of its army from southern Lebanon, leaving a residual force of about 1,000 troops and some 2,000 members of the South Lebanon Army to police its self-proclaimed security zone, which runs from the Mediterranean Sea to the foothills of Mt. Hermon. For a while, stability reigned. But chaos, having prevailed since then, has worsened dramatically of late.

The deteriorating security problem is characterized by several developments.

The Israeli-financed and trained South Lebanon Army (SLA), led by Antoine Lahad — a former Lebanese Army general — has been dealt serious blows, calling into question its effectiveness as a buffer force.

•Hizbullah, the radical pro-Iranian Lebanese Shiite militia, is on the ascendancy, while Amal — the mainstream Shiite group — is on the defensive.

•The PLO, whose infrastructure in Lebanon was smashed by the Israeli army, has reestablished itself with the help, ironically, of the formerly pro-Israel Christian Phalange militia.

To exacerbate matters, Israel's usually tense relationship with the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) — created in the wake of Israel's 1978 mini invasion of Lebanon — has come under still more strain.

The tension results from the fact that Israel refuses to let UNIFIL deploy down to the international border and continues to back the SLA, whose members are largely recruited from Christian and Shiite villages in the narrow security zone.

Israel has little faith in UNIFIL's ability to keep out infiltrators and this accounts for its insistence on maintaining a physical presence across its border. The United Nations, however, believes that the security zone is not working and that Israel should abolish it and carry out a full withdrawal from southern Lebanon. That message was conveyed to the Israeli leadership recently by Marrack Goulding, the UN secretary-general for political affairs, who said: "I am confident that if the IDF (Israel Defence Forces) withdrew completely... there could be a return of peace and stability to the area."

If it were up to the UN, the SLA would be disbanded. As far as Goulding is concerned, the SLA is a destabilizing element which "deliberately" fires on UNIFIL positions and "indiscriminately" shells Shiite villages north of the security zone.

Last year, more than 20 UNIFIL soldiers were killed in the line of duty, the victims of mines and ambushes planted by various armed forces, most of which are hostile to Israel. A month ago, an Irish corporal in UNIFIL was accidentally killed by Israeli tank fire — the first time Israel was directly implicated in the death of a UNIFIL soldier. Israel agreed to pay the dead man's family compensation, but the incident only served to heighten the tension between the Israelis and UNIFIL.

The acrimony, without a doubt, will intensify in the absence of Israel's willingness to discard the SLA. For the moment, there are no indications whatsoever that Israel will do that. If anything, the opposite is true.

In recent months, the SLA has fared rather poorly, and by way of response Israel has stepped up military operations in the area.

In clashes with Hizbullah, whose leaders want to establish an Islamic state in Lebanon and destroy Israel, the SLA has been found wanting. Hizbullah fighters have killed 14 SLA soldiers since December (100 have died in the past 18 months), have overrun SLA bunkers and have even captured and carried off Israeli-supplied armored personnel carriers.

These setbacks have created a sense of unease in the SLA and led to wholesale desertions. According to reports, Israel has reacted by increasing SLA salaries (which will henceforth be paid in U.S. dollars) and by mounting air and ground attacks against Hizbullah bases.

Israeli helicopter gunships have struck north of the security zone, while Israeli commandos have of late killed a total of 12 guerrillas in ambushes. The majority of these operations, designed to relieve pressure on the SLA, have been directed against Hizbullah. But some, undoubtedly, have been aimed at the PLO, which has made a comeback in southern Lebanon.

Israel openly acknowledges that the PLO, torn by internecine squabbling in the past few years, is almost as strong today as it was on the eve of the 1982 Lebanese war. The estimate is that approximately 3,000 PLO troops have returned to their old bases in Sidon and Tyre.

Furthermore, the PLO has scored notable military successes against Amal in two different sectors. The PLO has managed to stave off repeated attempts by Amal to capture three Palestinian refugee camps near Beirut. And further south, it has taken the strategic Christian village of Maghdoushe.

The conflict pitting the PLO against Amal is a basic one and is not likely to be resolved. Amal, headed by Lebanese Justice Minister Nabih Berri, wants to protect its Shiite constituents in southern Lebanon from Israeli retaliatory raids by preventing the PLO from setting up bases there once more. The PLO, in league with Hizbullah, is resisting Amal.

Strangely enough, the heretofore anti-Palestinian Phalange has assisted the PLO in returning to Lebanon in strength.

The Phalangists, who were Israel's lukewarm allies before and during its invasion of Lebanon, have reportedly sold Lebanese identity papers and passports to Palestinians to help them pass through road blocks.

And they have provided the Palestinians with weapons and permitted them to enter Lebanon illegally through the port of Junieh, just north of Beirut. The PLO cannot use Beirut harbor and airport because they are controlled by Amal.

Israeli officials think that this startling marriage of convenience, which is not so surprising in Lebanon's constantly shifting political climate, is the product of Christian greed and insecurity.

Besides standing to profit financially from the arrangement, the Christians believe that if they help the PLO, they will prolong the fighting between the Palestinians and the Shiites and between the Palestinians and Syria (the Syrians detest PLO chairman Yasser Arafat). They also believe that their new-found relationship with the PLO will give them political leverage over the Shiites, who want to change Lebanon's constitution so that Lebanese Moslems will have a greater say in the affairs of the country.

As the Israelis have ruefully pointed out, the Christians are playing a dangerous game. But in order to survive as a powerful minority in what is essentially a Moslem Arab nation like Lebanon, the Christians cannot be anying but Machiavellian.

Israel has taken measures to try to stop the Palestinian inflow into Lebanon. Israeli naval vessels have intercepted two Cypriot ferries plying the route from Larnaca to Junieh, but have found no Palestinian fighters aboard.

The Israeli Navy has shelled Palestinian camps along the Lebanese coast, and Israel Air Force jets have bombed and strafed Palestinian positions, sometimes in aid of Amal fighters battling Palestinians.

The situation, which is amazingly complex, will probably get worse before it becomes better.

Lebanon is a cruel taskmaster.

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Treatment for stuttering at Hadassah

Speech pathologist will take program to Israel

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

"The ability to communicate through language defines us as human beings in a human society. When men learned to speak, they set themselves off from other creatures. Stuttering strikes at the very root of this distinction." — Gerald Jonas, The Disorder of Many Theories.

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TORONTO —

A Toronto speech pathologist who has developed an intensive program to treat stutterers in Canada is exporting the method to Israel.

Robert Kroll, director of the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry's speech pathology department, is taking the Precision Fluency Shaping Program to Jerusalem's Hadassah University Hospital in the spring. The cost of his trip is being borne by Hadassah and the Clarke Institute.

The need for such a program in Israel is great. To the best of Kroll's knowledge, Israeli hospitals and psychiatric institutions do not have a single department devoted solely to the treatment of stuttering. "In Israel, speech therapy is where it was about 20 years ago in Canada," says Kroll, a Montrealer who holds a doctorate in speech pathology.

Series of rules to achieve fluency

The Precision Fluency Shaping Program, which Kroll brought to Canada from the U.S. more than a decade ago, is based on a model by Ronald Webster, a Virginia psychologist who believes that stuttering is a physical behavior that can be unlearned and modified by exposure to a series of rules for fluent speech.

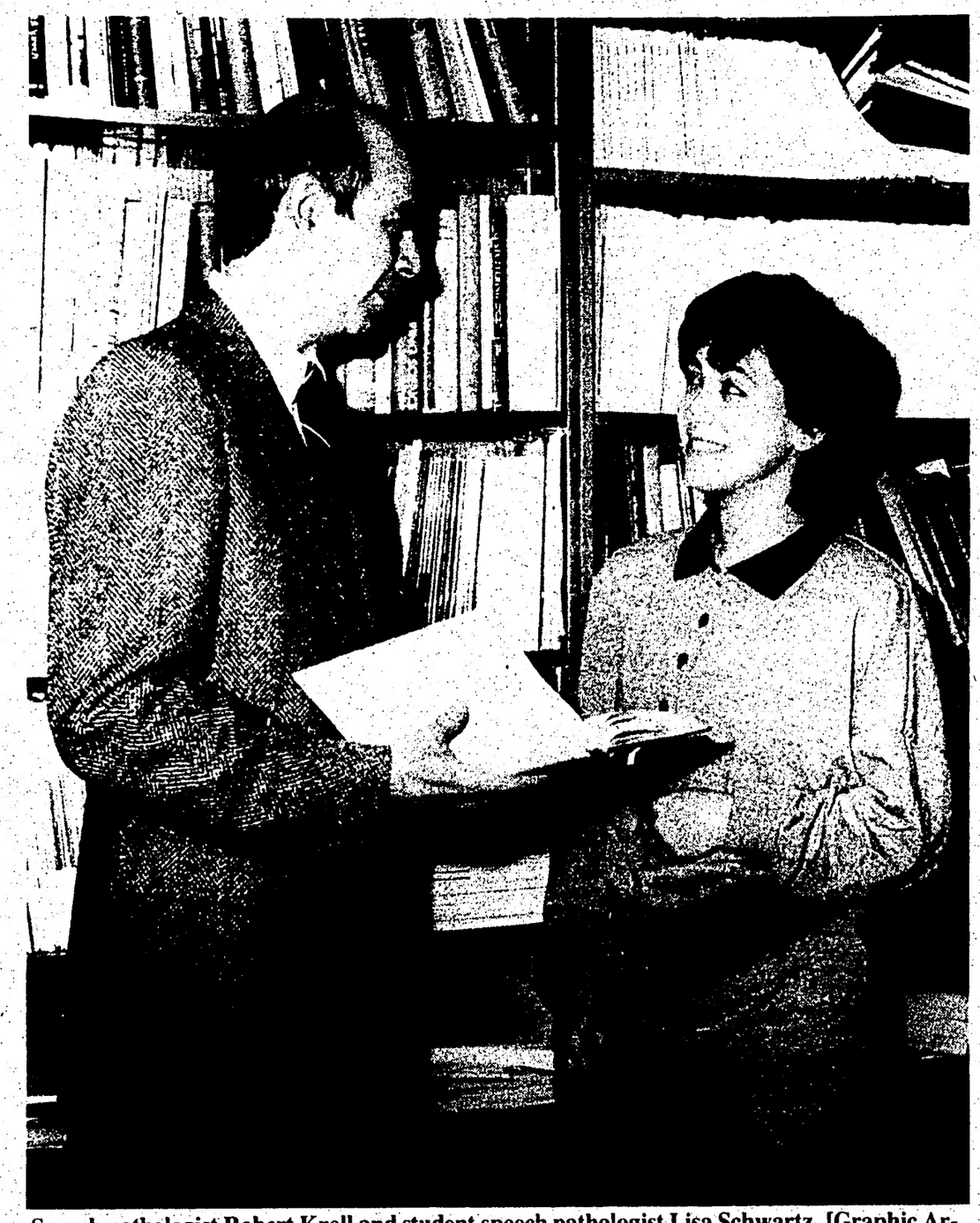
The 3-week course, which has attracted stutterers from all over Canada, has helped about 700 individuals improve their speaking ability. Ninety percent of patients have achieved "significant gains" in fluency immediately following treatment. After a post-treatment period, the percentage drops to 70%.

So highly regarded is the program that there is an 8-month waiting list for assessment and, upon acceptance, a 1-year wait before actual treatment begins.

Tailor-made for adolescents and adults alike, the program, which runs from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. daily, involves a group of 5 to 6 people and a speech pathologist.

Eleven groups pass through it each year. The provincial health plan covers most of the program's cost.

Stressing themes like speech rate, respiration, voicing and articulation, the program has been available in hospitals throughout Canada ever since the Clarke Institute sponsored a clinician's training course for speech pathologists in 1977. (The Jewish General Hospital in Montreal has a very similar program).



Speech pathologist Robert Kroll and student speech pathologist Lisa Schwartz. [Graphic Artists photo]

In 1983, Kroll — a graduate of Sir George Williams University, McGill and Bowling Green University — was invited by the Israel Speech and Hearing Association to present a workshop on treatment for stuttering. The presentation took place at Tel Hashomer Hospital in Tel Aviv.

A year later, he returned to Israel, taking a leave of absence as a staff speech pathologist at Hadassah University Hospital — which has a Speech and Hearing Centre but no single department treating stuttering per se.

His stay in Israel led him to several conclusions.

"Stuttering just has never received in Israel as much emphasis as have some other disorders of communication," he says. "It has taken a back seat to them. In general, the service for stuttering in Israel has been minimal. I was told by stutterers that they hadn't gotten significant help."

"There are no specialized programs in place," he adds.

Symptomatic of the situation in Israel is that there was only one speech pathologist on staff at Hadassah when he was there, and she — a Canadian — was employed on only a parttime basis.

Israelis, he surmises, seem to have a strangely fatalistic attitude toward stuttering, which Kroll describes as a "pretty devastating affliction."

"The impression I got was that Israelis think very little can be done for stutterers and and that they should learn to live and cope with it."

Kroll, 39, disagrees with this widely-held perception, and he intends to take the first step in disproving it by setting up a clinician's training course at Hadassah.

Kroll will teach Israeli speech pathologists the principles of the Precision Fluency Shaping Program, which, he claims, "represents one of the most effective methods of establishing and transferring high levels of fluency to stutterers."

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Stuttering affects about 1% of the population of any country, is much more prevalent in males and appears between the age of 3 to 6. Its classic symptoms are rapid-fire repetitions of consonant or vowel sounds, unnaturally prolonged vowel sounds in the middle of words, and complete blocks.

Authorities say that preschool children stutter naturally, but usually outgrow it. "Most children from 2 to 4 are naturally disfluent," Kroll explains. "That's when they're learning to talk and lack the vocabulary to say what they want."

The problem starts when pushy and demanding parents call attention to the disfluency and put unnecessary pressure on the child. And it is exacerbated by a child's hypersensitivity and by what he terms "subtle physical incoordination."

Problem shapes personality

He recommends that parents should consult a speech pathologist if, by the age of 5 or 6, a child is still struggling with his/her speech.

No evidence exists to suggest that stutterers are less intelligent than non-stutterers. Kroll has discovered that they're usually insightful and sensitive and very often quite bright.

Stuttering can run in families, but there is no solid proof that it is passed on genetically, he says.

Although a disproportionate number of his patients are Jewish, Kroll is hardly prepared to conclude that Jews are more susceptible to stuttering than non-Jews. In his view, Jews merely have a better appreciation than others of the professional help they can avail themselves of in the community.

He concedes, however, that Israeli Jews may be more prone to stuttering because of the chronic military tension in the Middle East.

Kroll is certain that stuttering shapes a person's personality. Many stutterers, he says, become "very introverted and shy" and some even express suicidal impulses.

There is no doubt that stuttering can be an enormous handicap, whether socially or occupationally.

Stutterers, as teenagers, are less likely to date. And when they are older, they tend to avoid situations which place them in the social limelight.

Kroll says some of his patients have told him their stuttering had imperiled their jobs. One man, a University of Toronto academic who is required to lecture in front of students, was threatened with dismissal unless he improved his speech. He took Kroll's course and achieved fluency, enabling him to retain his job.

Stutterers less fortunate than him have been rejected for positions or have been passed over for promotions. Still others have gone into fields like architecture and engineering on the mistaken assumption that they could perform their duties without really communicating with their fellow workers.

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The treatment of stuttering has come a long way since the dawn of written history.

- Aristotle maintained that a stutterer's tongue was abnormally thick and therefore too sluggish to keep pace with his thoughts.
- Hippocrates surmised that stuttering was caused by an excessively dry tongue.
- Francis Bacon, the British essayist, blamed it on a cold tongue.
- Johann Dieffenbach, a 19th century Prussian surgeon, proclaimed that stutterers' tongues were too long and should be cut down.
- Sigmund Freud, in vain, searched for a solution in the regions of the unconscious.
- Wendell Johnson, an American therapist who was a stutterer himself, attributed stuttering to parental pressure.

Kroll, while accepting a good part of Johnson's theory, subscribes to the behavorial school of therapy which holds that if stuttering can be learned in childhood, it can be unlearned later.

In Israel, Kroll hopes to put that theory into practice and provide new hope for stutterers.

Peeling parts of me off ceiling

Sunday closing decision annoys

By
ELAINE KAHN

For several years our kids have taken their extracurricular classes at the north Toronto JCC. Now that we live out here in Richmond Hill, the JCC is still possible but, because the kids do not meet other Hill natives in day school, we figured it would be a good idea to let them take their extra classes locally.

When we tried to register them for swim class at a nearby pool, we were told registration was on Saturday. The person we spoke to was not moved when told we could not, for religious reasons, comply. The kids are back at the JCC and I am primed to belt the first neighbor I meet who tells me Jews are cliquish and don't want to mix with the locals.

A week later, the Supreme Court of Canada came down with its decision supporting Sunday closing laws. My husband is still peeling parts of me off the ceiling.

I don't like shopping any day of the week and I'm not totally skeptical about the concept, albeit in 1987, of Sunday as a family day — I suppose there must be families for which Sunday is an inviolate time of total togetherness, but I was neither raised in one nor have one now. I have relatives in the U.S. who use Sunday shopping as their main manifestation of togetherness — I'd rather go to the movies.

What angered me really about the court's decision was its fallout, specifically the Ontario government suggestion of supportive legislation to protect any worker forced to work on Sunday either in a store defying the law or, one assumes, in the exempt stores, such as those in tourist areas. Part of the stated rationale for this supplemental law was that an individual employee would be loathe to complain to the employer and might risk losing the job itself.

Where, I wondered, was that legislation years ago, when Jewish immigrants faced the choice of giving up their jobs or giving up their Shabbat in order to keep those much needed jobs?

How far in fact would such legislation go now? I have many Jewish friends who prefer to work for Jewish employers or organizations simply because they will not risk losing their jobs if they want to observe their Shabbat. I have friends who are afraid to ask for even Rosh Hashanah off, let alone a Saturday or Saturday morning or, God forbid, a yom tov like Succoth which the non-Jewish world is less familiar with. The problems of publicly funded universities holding exams on Jewish holy days is well known.

I am an absolutely staunch believer in everyone's right and need to keep a Sabbath — I don't know how I ever lived without one. And I am not blind to the problems of having a totally open week, with both Mummy and Daddy scrambling madly to schedule their days off at the same time. But it seems to me, and this was strengthened by recent lettters to the dailies' editors, that strong Sunday closing legislation unnecessarily and unkindly marks those of us who observe other days of rest as "them" as opposed to true blue Canadians.

And I have never been terribly interested in being a "them."

Opinion

Entertainment phenomenon known as SAMMY

By
GERRY MORRIS

LAS VEGAS —

The single monicker "**"SAMMY"** is framed and emblazoned on a 60 x 30 foot marquee at the Desert Inn in Las Vegas. Forget Sammy Davis Jr., as he is among a handful of stars who have reached that stage of public acceptance that requires the use of only a first name. There's Frank, Lena, Ella, Liza, Steve and Edie, and the legendary Sammy.

Happily show business dice have rolled 7s and 11s for him in more places than glitzy Las Vegas, a town he has helped build and that still pops its cork everytime he checks in. It's a far cry from the days when he had to sleep on the other side of the tracks.

Sammy Davis has played virtually all the major houses of entertainment in the world with the exception of the Downtown Moscow Theatre, The People's Hall of Culture in Peking and in apartheid South Africa. At the zenith of his performing career he has given the definitive five command performances for the crowned heads of England.

Sammy spoke to me recently within the hallowed environs of his Desert Inn suite and generously permitted me to probe some of the heavy baggage he has carried on his long pilgrimage in show business.

A self-described saloon singer and an up-front variety performer, he is bright, tough-tender, and direct, which takes some getting used to, but the magnetism of the man wins out. He is as boundless in warmth and humor as he is in energy. With his famous lower jaw flailing he recounted his golden and bruising moments in 57 years of show business (only George Burns has been at it longer and George is 30 years his senior). His familiar and eternally boyish look, and that giant talent encased in a small, lithe body seemed all the more compelling when punctuated by the mid-afternoon sunlight streaming through the big picture window.

Sammy Davis does so many things so well that you lose the singer in the dancer, the dancer in the actor, and the actor in the impressionist, not to mention the musician who can swing effectively on five instruments. About the only things the jaunty entertainer hasn't tried as yet are the circus trapeze and the Metropolitan Opera.

This amazon of small proportions is charged with enough electric current to keep footlights burning in Shubert's Alley for a full Broadway season.

How did this human dynamo get to be so good at so many things? Born in show business in Harlem in 1925, the son of vaudeville hoofers, Sammy has known no other life.

"From the time I can remember I've been around greasepaint. While other kids my age were playing with marbles and toys I knew only backstage dressing rooms on the old vaudeville circuit. I was in show business long before I quit the crib."

His parents separated shortly after he was born, and Sammy was reared by his grandmother until he was 3, when his father and adopted uncle, Will Mastin, took him on the road. ("It was like having two fathers.") He nearly had three. Bill (Bojangles) Robinson spent countless hours helping develop the skill and showmanship that made young Davis a dancer of such extraordinary agility.

Once, when the act played a burlesque house, juvenile authorities yanked the boy off stage because they thought he had no business in the company of strippers and smutty comics. After that incident, whenever the trio suspected trouble from the men in blue, Sammy was billed as a midget. "Packing suitcases and riding on trains and buses were as natural to me as a stroll in a carriage might be to another child. Although I had traveled 10 states and played over 50 cities by the time I was 4, I never felt I was without a home. We carried our roots with us. You've never lived until you've slept in train stations in rural Michigan and starved in Chicago.

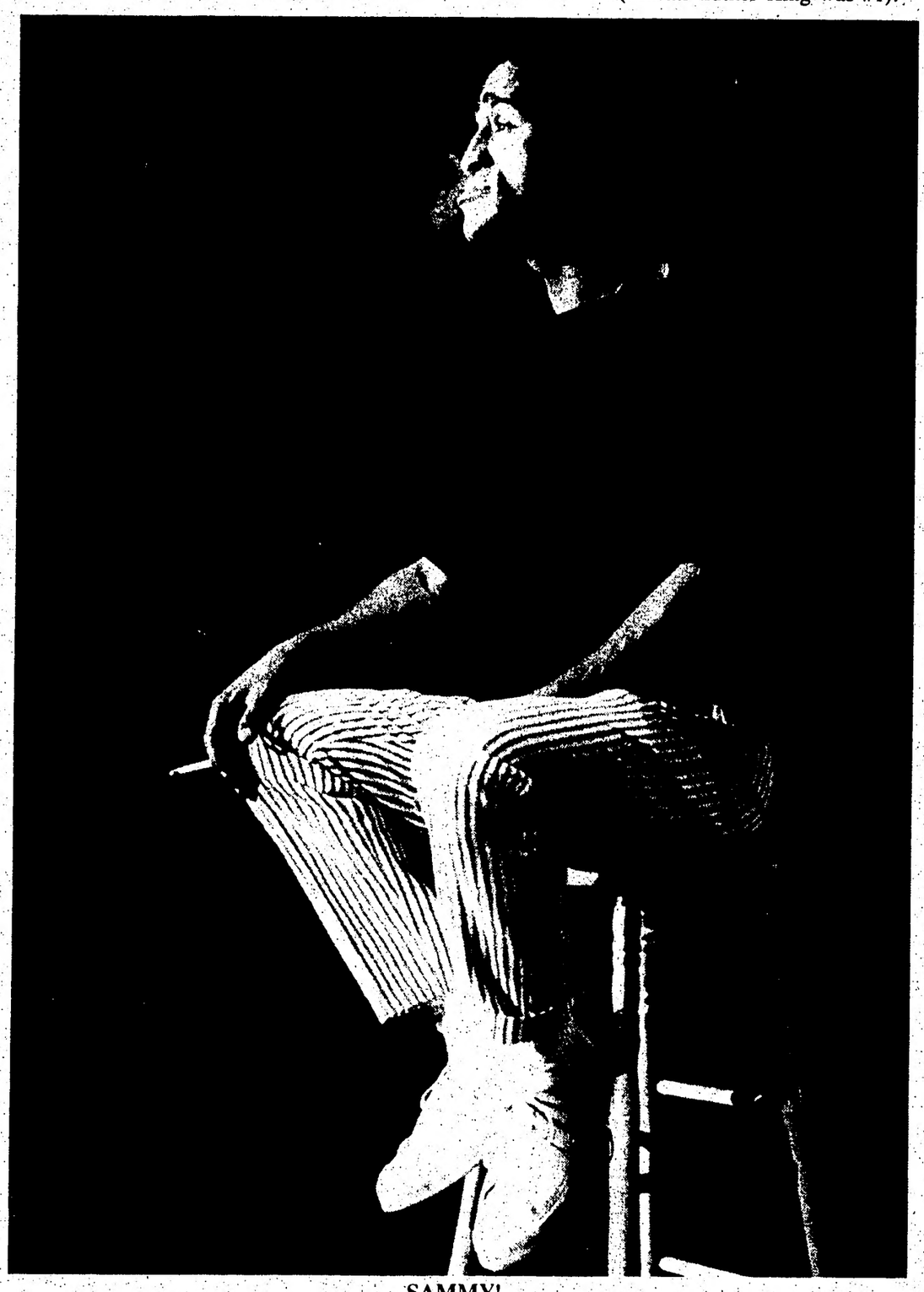
"It was a different kind of show business then, which you now can reflect on, look at and say 'I was there.' Like Mickey Rooney and Donald O'Connor we sprang from vaudeville families."

As far as school went he never dropped out because he never dropped in (not even for a day). He avoided the ghetto life by staying on the road, and didn't come face to face with cruel racial bigotry until 1943 when he was drafted into the army.

He learned the bitter facts of segregation and survived only by using his fists. He was pushed and banged around plenty — got his nose broken twice. "The roughest part was psychological," he said. He had the good fortune to come under the guidance of a bookish black sergeant who gave remedial reading lessons and lent him books from his small library. (Davis had read only comic books up to that time.)

The clang of celebration bells after VE Day had hardly cleared when Davis found himself billed (on headliner Sinatra's insistence), with the Will Mastin Trio at the Capitol Theater in New York. People were beginning to hear about the trio, and everyone was saying: "Keep your eye on the little guy in the middle, he's going places."

It was during those days that young Sammy learned every trick of the trade, every nuance of vocalizing and every conceivable way of holding an audience. He and his family were booked into top night clubs in the U.S. and Canada which featured him in solo dances, and tough-talking impersonations of Edward G. Robinson, Humphrey Bogart, John Garfield and James Cagney and eventually nearly every major movie star who ever lived.



SAMMY!

Ambition burned inside him like a fuse. "I have to be a star like another man has to breathe," he said in his widely acclaimed autobiography Yes I Can. Sammy was a performer whose time had come. The rest is history — despite the multitude of obstacles that would have shriveled the spine of Don Quixote.

On his way up Sammy brought a built-in penchant for bad luck and controversy with him. First there was the disastrous 1954 automobile accident in Las Vegas that cost him his left eye. Then there were the nights of excess with the now defunct Rat Pack. With many men who suddenly rise to stardom after years of poverty and struggle, signs of thoughtlessness and arrogance can become a common hallmark along the bumpy way.

He went through an unreckonable amount of Jack Daniels whiskey; gambled and spent at a rate to challenge the output of the U.S. mint; wooed some of the world's most beautiful women, and was constantly bombarded by battalions of hangers-on; and he eventually incurred the wrath of the Black press who were resentful of Davis' growing reputation for all-night, all-white parties and his much publicized inter-racial marriage to Swedish film star Mai Britt. "Howcum we never see Sammy Davis hangin' on the corner up here?" ran a cartoon in a Harlem paper. "You crazy man? Sammy ain't colored no more."

His 1960 marriage to Mai Britt ended eight years and three children later, and the pugnacious little kid from a tenement at 140th St. and Amsterdam Ave. finally realized that money and fame can't buy you — you know what!

On the perennial question of his friendship with Sinatra he said: "Frank was my chief support system. He cared about me as a human being, and in the early years did everything he could to foster my career" — a refreshing expression of appreciation, since in Hollywood gratitude is considered Public Enemy #1.

In an era throbbing with social change he plunged into the civil rights furor, raising money for a host of causes, and eventually crashed every gate that had been closed to him. As one of the early inspirational fighters, he paved the way for other Black performers to move forward, as did Lena Horne, the Mills Brothers, Harry Belafonte, Sidney Poitier and also the courageous Jackie Robinson in baseball. In the 1960s, at the height of the Kennedy influence he took part in America's greatest Freedom March which brought 200,000 people to the streets of Washington. He also marched in Selma, Tougaloo and Atlanta, and at one time was #2 on the Ku Klux Klan hate list (Martin Luther King was #1).

Having conquered the musical capital of America with brilliant bravura performances in the Broadway musicals, Golden Boy and Mr. Wonderful, he turned his attention to the sunkissed hills of celluloid Hollywood. He reflected: "I look at Porgy & Bess and I can say with pride to my great-grandchildren, if I'm alive, that I played Sportin Life, one of the most popular characters in the annals of the musical theatre. I am also exceedingly proud of A Man Called Adam. It was an honest jazz story and it featured some good people — Cecily Tyson, Louie Armstrong, Mel Torme and Frank Sinatra, Jr." Judith Crist called it a cult film way ahead of its time.

Add to this heap of credits that he put the Black man in the West — the first Black American cowboy to be seen on T.V., and he was the first Black to have his own hour-long (prime-time) television show.

His singing voice is instantly recognizable and admired by millions of people around the world. His all-time best record seller is Candy Man.

He's sufficiently street-wise to stay with what he does best. "I don't try to emulate the kids, because that's their world and that's their training."

An evening with him (I caught his SRO show the previous night) still guarantees you the magical presence of an ebullient and stylish entertainer. With impeccable phrasing and faultless diction, his well endowed pipes are better than ever. His most effective song is the tender and evocative Bojangles — a smash theatrical finish to a great show.

The easy wit that Sammy dispenses from the stage is so casual and communicative that it appears to be unrehearsed and much of it is really ad lib. "Based on last night's stage performance I get the feeling that you intuitively know within a few minutes who and what is out there. Is this an accurate assumption?" I asked. "That's the one thing I brag about. I take great pride in dealing honestly with an audience. I remember the days I'd go out and concentrate on getting a person and lose the audience. How am I gonna make this guy smile? You can't do that. You got to feel your audience and then play to the broad spectrum. There's too many performers out there, and I was part of it, who have manufactured sincerity and a manufactured look. Now, I'm not afraid of letting people in and saying things as long as I don't have to couch my comments in tired theatrical terms."

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He turned to religion in 1954 and became one of the world's most celebrated converts to Judaism. His real interest in things Jewish had begun when Eddie Cantor had pressed a mezuzah into his hand. It then increased when a rabbi comforted him in the hospital following his near fatal car accident. It ended with formal conversion after four years of Talmud study. ("I read Jewish history until the good eye got sore.")

He sums it up: "I wanted to become a Jew because Judaism taught justice for everyone, and held an honesty and spiritual peace that was lacking in my personal makeup. I wanted to become part of a 5,000-year history, and hold on to something not just material. Jews have become strong over their thousands of years of persecution, and I wanted to become part of that strength. Certainly the background of my people and their history cannot be compared to Judaism, but they share the same oppression and injustices."

He has been to Israel five times, and on the invitation of the Israel government he has visited and entertained soldiers in two wars. In fact Sammy's involvement in Israel has been an ongoing passion as he continues to support the Israeli army.

His commitment to education is no less impressive. Davis' contributions to the Association for the Welfare of Soldiers in Israel have resulted in the establishment of the Sammy Davis Jr. Wing of the Soldiers Educational Centre in Galilee, to help deprived young people serving the Israeli defense services. In 1979 he was the first recipient of the American-Israeli Arts, Sciences & Humanitarian Award, and in 1980 he was honored by the American Friends of Tel Aviv University on his 50th year in show business and for his support of humanitarian causes. A fund for freedom from hunger was established in Davis' name.

He has given time, energy and money unflinchingly for charity and causes across the American landscape ever since fame and fortune became his middle names.

Words flowed readily (some peppered with Yiddish), from Sammy as he talked about Israel. "I find the spirit of the people of Israel so uplifting. You get carried away with it, and you feel there is a sort of mystical power that enables you to knock down walls. The Israelis look you straight in the eye and deal with you on the moment. The impossible becomes a reality, and when you land back in America you say 'Wow! What a unique and thrilling experience that was.' "

He has belonged to Temple Israel Reform Synagogue in Beverly Hills for 18 years, and although his Black wife, Altovese, did not convert, she upholds the laws. When he is home in Beverly Hills he sometimes attends services, and always attends on High Holy Holidays. His oldest son, Mark Sydney, was bar mitzvah, and Sammy presented him with a set of Encyclopedia Judaica.

"Were your two other children brought up in the Jewish faith?" I asked. "Yes, we gave them the beginnings and tenets of it until they became young adults, and now they as individuals assume their own religious posture, whatever that may be."

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He has now reached a mellowed point where all the misdirected and aimless drives of his life have come together. The 61-year-old veteran admitted wryly: "I'm not the kid I used to be — I've toned down. I think when you hit your later years you have a need to redefine your sense of purpose. One gets older, and then comes the inevitability of change. You have an operation (in early 1986 he underwent reconstructive hip surgery). Not knowing whether you're ever going to perform again certainly brings things into focus. You ask yourself who and what is important in your life."

His recovery has been magical, aided by his regimen of rest and moderation. He's beat the well-publicized booze and drug problem that nearly killed him in 1982, but confesses to the fact that Old Man Nicotine still has him by the throat. He will sip the occasional glass of wine.

Tagged as the greatest entertainer in show business, the phenomenon known as "SAMMY" has often seemed to be more than one man. He is one mortal with immense drive, pursuing the powers and perils of the American Dream, which eventually drove him to be King of the Mountain. He's been in the valley, on both sides of that mountain.

Opinion

To bring them back to our winter fairyland

I go in search of our self-exiled brethren

By
J. B. SALSBERG

And so, my dear friends, I find myself compelled to take the wanderer's staff in hand and set out on a journey of mercy — a journey in search of our self-exiled brethren (and their spouses), who vanished from our midst at the very time of year when Canada is at the zenith of its fame, as the land of glorious snow.

J. B. Salsberg

I undertake this hazardous venture out of pristine love for my people, my neighbors and my friends. They all seem to have been lured away from their normal and stimulating environment, the good old Canadian winter, and deposited in the debilitating climate of Florida, where they hibernate until they are resurrected at Passover to their old places of habitation.

The consequences of that exodus are alarming.

Half the homes of my immediate family now stand deserted and, hopefully, protected only by electronic mechanisms that guarantee to keep undesirables away from their doors. Most of my close friends have also fallen victim to the rising crest of absenteeism. There are few, indeed, to talk to or to hear from.

The corridors and lobbies of the apartment building where I live have become painfully deserted and silent. One rarely meets a neighbor on one's walk to and from the elevator.

In short, one finds oneself repeating the cry of the ancient prophet who lamented the silence that had befallen the ancient, holy capital, Jerusalem.

But my most poignant regrets for the absence of so many of, what they call, my nearest and dearest was when Toronto received its first major snowfall this year. It was so meaningful and, indeed, so unforgettable an experience that my warm, sympathetic heart went out to those self-exiled of our kin who missed it all but slumbered, instead, on the enervating beaches of artificial dreamlands.

But let me be more specific:

The blissful winter event that I'm about to describe occurred on Monday, Jan. 19. The "weather prophets," as they are called in Yiddish, predicted the first heavy snowfall of the season for that day.

On the morning of that promised day of glory, the skies were, indeed, gray and unpredictable but no snow was in sight so everyone went about his usual business. I, too, went about my regular routine while praying for an abundant snowfall.

When I parked my car, after midday, at the front of a downtown building there was still not a snowflake in sight. But when I returned, a half-hour later, the whole panorama had undergone a miraculous change. All the grime and slush had been covered by a blanket of beautiful, fresh-fallen snow that showed no sign of slackening. Spiritually elated I began my journey homeward.

By the time I reached Spadina Rd. the familiar street was transformed into a wonderland. So overcome by the beauty of the snow-white miracle were all car-riders that no one, or so it seemed, wanted to go on. As far as the eye could see there stretched an endless line of motionless automobiles. No one wanted to move. The scene was too beautiful to leave. It revealed not only the breathtaking beauty of our winter fairyland but also the high level of artistic appreciation of our Toronto folk. I was proud of my fellow citizens but I was filled with sympathy for our self-exiled brethren who deprived themselves of this majestic spectacle.

An hour or so later, when the mesmerized drivers of the endless line of cars reached the steep hill alongside the famed Casa Loma, the snow-bedecked castle was so breathtaking that not only the drivers and their passengers were bewitched by the beauty of it all but, I swear, the inanimate automobiles became humanized and joined in the spiritual elation.

I bear witness to the miracle of automobile sliding, dancing, singly and with one or more partners, in total abandonment on the summit of Casa Loma hill.

What a breathtaking view it was for all of us in the stationary cars on and below the hill! No one moved of course. All traffic came to a standstill. Who thought of moving when the sight of automobiles dancing a hora was performed before our eyes?

An hour later, when I reached my home (normally five minutes away) I was completely overcome by the realization that so many of those who are so meaningful to me, had deprived themselves of the beauty and excitement of Toronto's first big snowfall that I had just experienced. I resolved, then and there, to take my wandering staff and go in search of our mislead brethren and try to bring them back to their senses.

I'm off — but only to awaken our misguided folk.

Wish me luck.

You will be the first ones to find out how I fared in my mission of mercy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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PUERTO RICO FIRE VICTIM

Recently you reported the untimely passing of Lily Snider in the Puerto Rico hotel fire.

I first met Lily when she joined the Toronto Jewish Congress chaplaincy committee as a regular member.

Although she had professional and personal responsibilities, she managed to find time to serve the Jewish community in a significant way. She visited Jewish residents in nursing homes, participated in meetings and discussions which are paramount to chaplaincy and was telephone chairperson for the committee.

As others who volunteer for chaplaincy, Lily never sought gratitude, recognition or publicity. She dedicated herself to serving Jews who are less fortunate.

The local Jewish community has lost a concerned and valuable member.

Syliva Wolfson
Toronto

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TRIVIALIZING IS "REPUGNANT"

What hasn't the Holocaust been compared to? An American professor has even compared the death camps to the university campus.

Now Rabbi Immanuel Schochet has trivialized the Holocaust by comparing it to the Jews for Jesus movement.

Rabbi Schochet should return his moral calculator to his backside pocket, where it belongs. Comparing the uncomparable always trivializes, always flattens out reality, and is always repugnant.

Brian Henry
Toronto

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TRIVIALIZING "OUTRAGEOUS"

It is acceptable for Rabbi Immanuel Schochet and his apologist, J. Halpert (Letters, Jan. 22) to agonize over the loss of Jewish souls to Jews for Jesus.

But it is outrageous to compare this phenomenon to Nazi murders, and further, to conclude that the Nazis were somehow on a higher moral plane.

One need not enter the realm of metaphysics to understand the following points:

- The Nazis caused more conversions than Jews for Jesus. Unfortunately, Hitler did not recognize apostasy!
- Jewish souls are not murdered by Jews for Jesus; they are seduced, and later are able to return to their roots. Holocaust victims did not have this option.
- To say that missionaries are worse than the Nazis reviles all other religions, and revolts most Jews.

A Jews for Jesus recruiter would not weaken his case by comparing the hate implicit in the rabbi's words to the "love" offered by Christianity.

A reduction in the rhetoric from Rabbi Schochet, and an increase in thoughtful suggestions on how to counter Jews for Jesus, would better serve the community.

Murray Shtal
Toronto

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CANNIBAL ON SURGEONS' TEAM

Rabbi Irwin Witty suggests a Jewish court to be composed of all streams of Judaism (Jan. 22, "Orthodox-Reform dialogue").

To Orthodox Jews, the Torah and its laws are the essence of our lives. To include Reform leaders who do not believe in a divine Torah on a Jewish court is suicide.

It's tantamount to including a cannibal on a team of surgeons.

If these reformers do not believe in halacha, it's utterly preposterous to allow them to decide the halacha.

As a Torah-observant Jew, I wish to divorce myself from Witty's self-defeating recommendations.

S. Zacks
Toronto

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SHLEMIELS, SHMECKERS, SHVANTZES

Your Montreal edition theatre critic, Heather Solomon, points out in her review of *Up Your Alley*, formerly *Shmucks*, at the Saidye Bronfman Theatre:

"Alexander Hausvater knows how to take life by the tail and shake it in the face of the audience."

Given the fact that the word "tail" in Yiddish corresponds to the word "shvantz" (meaning louse or bedbug), it is with this part of the body that playwright Hausvater is shaking the public in his off-color productions.

Gabor (a Hungarian name) Pelzic (a Serbian one) is introduced as a Romanian Jew, immigrated to Canada. After having eluded the Communist tax men and the Romanian army, Pelzic hopes to scam a Montreal insurance company and pull off a kill, under the influence of a bad guy called Shmecker (Romanian for smart, cunning, insolent).

Why this Pelzic shlemiel is such a victim of bad luck is hard to understand.

The cops ticket him heavily, and he pays fines, but nevertheless he leaves his car in the road to pay a visit to a whore, while his wife is writhing in simulated orgasm on a kitchen table.

He does all sorts of abnormal things, including meeting phantoms of lesbian teasers and homosexual travesties in his impious life.

Is this hodgepodge of clitoral images and Blicker's bad language proper for a Jewish stage and a Conservative audience?

Hausvater's visions are straight from Antonioni and Brecht's rhetorics assorted with Montreal St. Laurent's smuttiest anecdotes.

One consolation: Elie Rubinstein's sensuous tangos sprinkle this poor imitation of commedia del arte with some nostalgic Argentinian sounds which makes one forget for a while the pestiferous emanations of a low-taste non-play.

Aurel Leyoore
Montreal

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RECORD DOLLARS FOR DAVID

How can we possibly express our appreciation to the readers of The Canadian Jewish News for their overwhelming generosity to our annual Chanukah Dollars for David appeal?

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Goldie Burstein
Toronto

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CLARIFIES MONTREAL PRODUCTION

I appreciate Heather Solomon's thoughtful review of my husband's play, *The Agunah*, presented at the SBC Yiddish Theatre in Montreal in November. May I, however, clarify an important issue raised by Ms. Solomon.

I suggested to my husband, Chaim Grade, to let the very eager director, Dora Wasserman, work with him on the adaptation of his novel for a play.

It was Chaim himself who made the basic adaptation of *The Agunah*, and then gave it to Mrs. Wasserman for further elaboration of the details.

He died before he had the chance to approve the final script.

It appears Mrs. Wasserman did not follow his instructions. Hence the abrupt, inapproriate and very disappointing ending of the play, "leaving the audience in vacuum," to use Ms. Solomon's description.

This is not the end planned by Grade.

The play in Mrs. Wasserman's presentation has numerous inaccuracies, regrettable departures from Grade's plan for his work.

Inna Hecker Grade
New York City

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QUESTIONS QUIZ ANSWER

Your Jan. 8 Jewish Quiz poses the question: How many days can there be in a Hebrew year?

It overlooks three possibilities in a leap year: 383, 384 and 385.

Dr. Julius Pfeiffer
Montreal

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CATHOLIC DEPLORES CARDINAL MIXUP

Re the duplicity of John Cardinal O'Connor's recent "private" visit to meet Israeli President Chaim Herzog in Jerusalem as opposed to his "official" visit with King Hussein of Jordan — which, like Israel, has no diplomatic relations with the Vatican:

It made me feel embarrassed to be a Roman Catholic.

I believe that Israel's claim to political sovereignty over Jerusalem is none of the Vatican's spiritual business.

As for "the necessity of simultaneously guaranteeing the security of all peoples in the region," as a Vatican spokesman put it:

When has the church ever guaranteed the security of the Jewish nation, in or out of their homeland?

The Pope meets with a terrorist dedicated to the virtual extinction of Israel, but heaven forbid that a Cardinal should enter the office of a Jewish leader.

Cedric M. Speyer
Montreal

Roman Catholic reader deplores "duplicity" of John Cardinal O'Connor, who claimed his visit with Israel President Chaim Herzog in Jerusalem was "private." The Vatican was miffed because the Pope does not recognize Israel's rule over Jerusalem.

World-National

Will Soviets "toy with them?"

Fate of cancer patients called the "litmus test"

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tients Solidarity Committee).

"We must thank a lot of people who supported us by writing and calling such as (chairman of the Interreligious Task Force for Soviet Jewry) Genya Intrator, and (Toronto) friends Bunny and Ben Zion Shapiro, and many who are not here.

"You can't understand," said Alexander, "we are in a brilliant hospital here where people are already taking care of her. But those people who remain can't receive any help."

B'nai B'rith Canada executive vice-president Frank Dimant and president-elect Ralph Snow described the Mariasins' story as one of love and personal courage.

"Today we see what happens when we work for the impossible," said Snow. He praised Eugene Katz's Raoul Wallenberg Lodge for the campaign its members waged on the Mariasins' behalf.

Also bringing greetings to the Mariasins from B'nai B'rith were: Jack Steinmetz, president of Raoul Wallenberg Lodge; Michael Pekarsky, president of Shalom Aleichem (Russian) Lodge; and Jeff Springer, president of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, who presented Lea with a pink University of Toronto sweatshirt.

Greetings were also brought by Ontario Minister of Consumer and Commerical Relations Monte Kwinter on behalf of Premier David Peterson.

Genya Intrator held up several folders in a gesture of victory and said: "These are the Mariasin files which will go into the basement."

"This is such a joyous moment for (the Mariasins) to arrive in this great country whose freedom we take for granted all too often," said Bill Attewell, MP and chairman of the Parliamentary Committee for Soviet Jewry.

"Something is happening this year (with regard to Soviet Jewry)," Attewell told The CJN following the conference. "I hope it is of substance and not just another cruel public relations ploy."

"Today is the celebration of a victory of hope over despair, of caring over callous indifference," said Dr. Gerald Batist. He commended Attewell's committee, the Canadian government and the Katzes, whose fight he compared with that of Avital Scharansky.

"These cancer patients are the litmus test," said Batist. The whole world will watch in shock if the Soviet Union continues "to toy with them."

Batist and Dr. Michael Baker, head of the hospital's cancer treatment and research program, said Lea was likely suffering from multiple myeloma. The doctors agreed the support of her reunited family was essential to her treatment.

Baker said Lea would probably be in the hospital for 10 days for tests and to begin chemotherapy. He said she had multiple tumors in her skin and possibly in her bones, and is being treated with Heparin for a blood clot in her leg.

The doctor noted that Alexander, who is also unwell, has refused treatment, deferring all attention in favor of his wife.

"It was a 15-year struggle, but the most important thing is not to give in to the nogoodniks," said Eugene Katz.

Asked if she was angry that it took so long to free her sister, Mara Katz answered: "I'm overwhelmed with anger. Why did they keep them? What kind of criminals were they that they kept them?"

At the end of the press conference, Alexander announced that in a call to Refusenik Tzila Raitburd in Moscow he was told that long-time Prisoner of Zion Iosif Begun had been released from prison.

Outside his wife's hospital room, Alexander told The CJN "it is very important for future generations to learn about the USSR. It's very important for people to go there."

He added that he was very concerned about the Jewish community he left behind in Riga whose cultural activities he coordinated.

Lebanon-bound terrorists captured

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Israel Navy intercepted a merchant ship bound from Cyprus to Lebanon Friday and seized 50 El Fatah terrorists on board. A senior naval officer said Sunday that the action clearly averted a series of terrorist attacks and sabotage attempts against Israel.

The 400-ton Maria R. which flew the Honduran flag and is owned in Lebanon, was en route from Larnaca to Khalde in Lebanon. She was halted about 65 miles from the coast because she appeared to be carrying far more people than the normal crew for a ship of that size.

The Egyptian captain offered no resistance and allowed Israeli sailors to board and search his vessel. They questioned the 8-man crew and the "passengers," all of whom were found to be carrying forged passports. The latter acknowledge being members of the Palestine Liberation Organization, several of them officers in El Fatah.

They said they were carrying medical supplies for refugee camps in Lebanon. But no medical material was found in the vessel. The terrorists were transferred to a Navy craft and brought to Israel for further questioning. There was no announcement about the crew, but it is assumed the ship was allowed to proceed.

The seizure of 50 terrorists indicated that Cyprus has become an embarkation point for PLO people attempting to reach Lebanon.

Science agreement

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel and Canada have signed an agreement to cooperate in scientific research, particularly in the field of geology, Yosef Bartov, director-general of the ministry of energy and infrastructure, announced last week.

The signatories were the heads of the ministry's geological survey and Canada's geological survey. Scientists from the two countries will conduct joint research projects, advanced study programs, symposia and conferences.

The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

1. How is Tu B'Shevat (the 15th day of the month of Shevat) celebrated in Israel?
2. Who was the first Israeli elected to the prestigious U.S. National Academy of Science?
3. Which President of Israel came from a Sephardic background?

Edmond Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

1. By planting of trees through the Jewish National Fund.
2. Former President Ephraim Katzir.
3. Yitzhak Navon.

These questions and answers came from the book 6400 Questions About Judaism and the Jewish People by Edmond Y. Lipsitz, published by JESL Educational Products, Downsview, Ont. Dr. Lipsitz would be pleased to receive your comments, or to consider your own Jewish quiz questions for inclusion in future columns. Write to him, c/o Canadian Jewish News.

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Loss of esteem for unity government

Poll results show decline in Israelis' morale

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Opinion polls conducted in December and January on a wide variety of subjects indicate a pervasive dissatisfaction with life in Israel among the 1,200 respondents and a decline in esteem for the unity coalition government, according to an analysis of the results published last week in Davar by the pollsters, Hanoch and Rafi Smith.

The father-and-son team of researchers whose polls command wide respect in Israel, found that large majorities preceived the government to be doing a better job handling foreign policy than dealing with social problems at home.

There was sharp division over Israel's involvement in the U.S. arms shipments to Iran.

Large majorities disapproved of Arabs living under Israel's governance.

Ultra-Orthodox Jews were also widely disapproved. But Orthodox Jews as such enjoyed a high approval rating while there seemed to be unfamiliarity and/or indifference toward the Conservative and Reform trends in Judaism.

Asked whether the unity government was better or worse since the rotation of power between Labor and Likud last October, 18% of the respondents thought it was better, 29% said "not as good" and 37% saw no change.

The respondents were divided almost evenly when asked if they would favor a similar unity coalition after the next elections. The answers were 46% "yes," 45% "no." There was a similar split with respect to the Iran arms sales affair. Thirty nine percent believed that "Israel got unnecessarily entangled" in the U.S. arms shipments to Iran and 40% thought it did not. With respect to Israel's sale of arms to Iran, 37% were in favor, 41% opposed and 22% had no opinion.

On arms sales to the Nicaraguan rebels known as Contras, 33% approved and 33% were opposed while 34% had no opinion. The Smiths saw the responses as indicating public confusion on the issue of arms sales.

The government's handling of foreign policy received a 59% approval rating, down 6% from September, 1986. But only 31% approved the government's handling of social issues while two-thirds of the respondents disapproved. About 63% agreed with the statement that "the attitude toward the elderly in Israel has deteriorated in recent years."

The pollsters found most significant the response to their question "Has your satisfaction with life in Israel recently grown or declined." Only 13% said it had grown while 24% indicated decline and 60% registered no change. According to the Smiths, the responses indicate that "public morale is on the whole slightly on the decline."

A majority of 49-46% indicated they would not criticize young Israelis who emigrate to find better economic and social conditions abroad. Fifty-one percent agreed that the lack of appropriate social conditions to absorb new immigrants in Israel was responsible for the decline of immigration in recent years.

Kidnappers demand Israel release prisoners

BEIRUT (AP) —

A kidnapped American said he, two other U.S. hostages and an Indian would be killed Monday by their Moslem captors unless Israel releases 400 Arab prisoners.

Israel said it would not free the prisoners because of the threat.

By mid-afternoon Monday there was no word on the fate of the hostages.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Israel has received no request from the United States to free prisoners. "Nobody has approached Israel on this issue, and Israel won't take any initiative on its own." He said Sunday Israel would not give in to threats, but his government is willing to discuss trading the 400 prisoners for an Israeli airman downed in Lebanon.

A 6-minute videotape showing Boston native Alann Steen, 47, was delivered early Sunday to a Western news agency in the name of Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine. The previously unknown group abducted Steen and the three other educators Jan. 24 from Beirut University College's campus.

Reading in a monotone, the weary-looking Steen said: "If our lives are important to America, it must order Israel to release the 400 Palestinians as soon as possible — that is, Monday as a maximum.

"February 9 is the last date to release them. If they don't get released our fate will be execution." The statement did not mention a specific hour.

Nazi cleric dies at 72

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Archbishop Valerian Trifa, the Romanian-born cleric who was accused of being a Nazi collaborator and a rabid anti-semite, died recently in the town of Cascais, Portugal, at the age of 72. He reportedly suffered a heart attack.

Trifa was deported from the United States in 1984 after a prolonged campaign by Jewish Holocaust survivors, Jewish organizations and the U.S. justice department. He was ordered to leave the U.S. in 1982, but he was unable to find a country that would admit him until two years later, when Portugal accepted his request to settle there.

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World-National

Community criticizes move

Arafat admirer chosen Liberal caucus chairman

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of the PLO, the creation of a Palestinian homeland and attacked Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Prud'homme attended the Palestine National Council meeting, the policy making body of the PLO, in February, 1983. He has hosted events for individuals associated with the PLO visiting Ottawa, including most recently Fathi Arafat, chairman of the Palestinian Red Crescent and brother of Yasser.

An admirer of terrorist leader Yasser Arafat, Prud'homme is remembered for the standing ovation he gave Arafat when the PLO chief addressed the United Nations. The MP has been photographed with Arafat during one of his tours of Arab countries.

Prud'homme was quoted in the Montreal daily La Presse as saying after his election: "My opinions are well known and I do not want to go back to that. I cannot renounce 25 years of my life, but it is certain that I must now play a role of reconciliation within the party and devote all my efforts to its reorganization and to its financing. I am a conciliator and not a provocateur."

Last May, Prud'homme chaired an external affairs workshop at the assembly of the Quebec wing of the Young Liberals, the party's youth wing, where a pro-PLO resolution — contrary to party policy — was formulated. That resolution was later defeated at the Young Liberals' national convention.

He was quoted in The Globe and Mail that, "It's the consensus of the caucus that matters, not my personal views...I can behave with total impartiality without abandoning my thinking."

Prud'homme replaces Sudbury MP Doug Frith, who was caucus chairman since the 1984 federal election. The other candidate for the position was Sheila Copps of Hamilton, who is in her first term as a member of Parliament. Although the vote was secret, Prud'homme is said to have had strong support from the 66 Liberal senators and Quebec MPs. The vote was reportedly close.

Liberal leader John Turner said, "It was a free election in caucus and I always respect the democratic process," adding that Prud'homme "now knows he will reflect the unity of the caucus and the collective views of caucus."

Sheila Finestone, who represents a west end Montreal riding where about half the constituents are Jewish, said Prud'homme's views on the Middle East were not raised at the caucus meeting.

She called Prud'homme "highly experienced, with long years of service to the party, skilful on the Hill, a hard worker who knows this country from one end to the other. He has earned credits."

Finestone said that Prud'homme has made to her personally "a solemn commitment to reflect party policy, which is strong support for Israel and condemnation of terrorism and that includes the PLO."

Finestone downplayed the influence of the chairman of the caucus, calling it largely an organizational job ("the nuts and bolts of the party's operation") and not one that set the tone for policy.

"In a way, being chairman neutralizes one's say in policy making," she said. It's also not a high profile position, Finestone added. "I challenge anyone to name any past chairman of the Liberal caucus."

Bernard Finestone (no relation to Sheila), who twice ran unsuccessfully for the Conservatives in Montreal and is past Quebec Region chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress, said of Prud'homme's election: "As a Jew and a Canadian, I'm very distressed, but as a Tory, I'm chuckling with glee."

Invites Reform, Conservative

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der one roof because they often sit on certain bodies together." The aide cited local rabbinical boards as the best example. Moreover, to avoid adopting a solution which only creates another problem, Shamir will not consider his task accomplished without unanimous consent from all parties. "The objective is to find a formula that would satisfy all elements and remove the entire problem from the Jewish agenda," asserted the aide.

Ideas to break deadlock

How involved will Shamir be? The Prime Minister expects to play not "only an inspirational role," suggested the aide, "but an innovative one as well." Shamir therefore is expecting to introduce his own ideas to break the intra-Jewish deadlock. For example, speculated the aide, who refused to be identified, "perhaps the three groups could agree that Reform and Conservative rabbis can bring a convert to a certain stage, but the final conversion would be performed by an Orthodox rabbi — in their presence of course."

It is noted that Shamir created his special cabinet committee at about the time he directed acting Interior Minister Roni Milo to register as Jewish Reform convert Shoshana Miller as required by a High Court ruling.

The Prime Minister also added a new dimension to the Middle East peace process by again rejecting the notion of an international peace conference including Russia and members of the United Nations Security council, but suggesting instead a so-called "mini-conference" of delegations from Israel, Egypt and Jordan. As such, it is a departure from Israel's traditional insistence on one-on-one bilateral negotiations.

"This question of an international conference was raised in the talks between (then Prime Minister Shimon) Peres and (Egyptian President Hosni) Mubarak (last year in Alexandria)," explained Shamir, "but the Israeli government has never made a decision about it."

Shamir repeated his contention that not everything Peres agreed to as Prime Minister was authorized by the cabinet. He then added, "Such a conference will not serve the cause of peace; it will do damage, it will do harm to the interests of Israel — and I am against it."

He ruled out any development, including a sudden gesture from King Hussein of Jordan, that might make such a conference feasible in 1987. "Not this year, and not next year," declared Shamir. "What we need is direct talks between us and Jordan."

But Shamir then added, "It would be very helpful if Egypt helps in arranging such direct talks between us and Jordan. We are ready to have a conference together, between us and Egypt and Jordan, and to talk about the possibilities and the prospects of peace in the Middle East."

Shamir emphasized he was indeed talking about a trilateral conference — the first such conference notion Shamir has endorsed.

"Yes, it's possible, it's possible, because these are the parties participating, the parties related to this process."

Senior aides later dubbed this notion "the mini-conference" and indicated that the subject would be pursued during the Prime Minister's visit to Washington.

Asked, "under what circumstances could such a conference take place?" Shamir replied, "If they agree."

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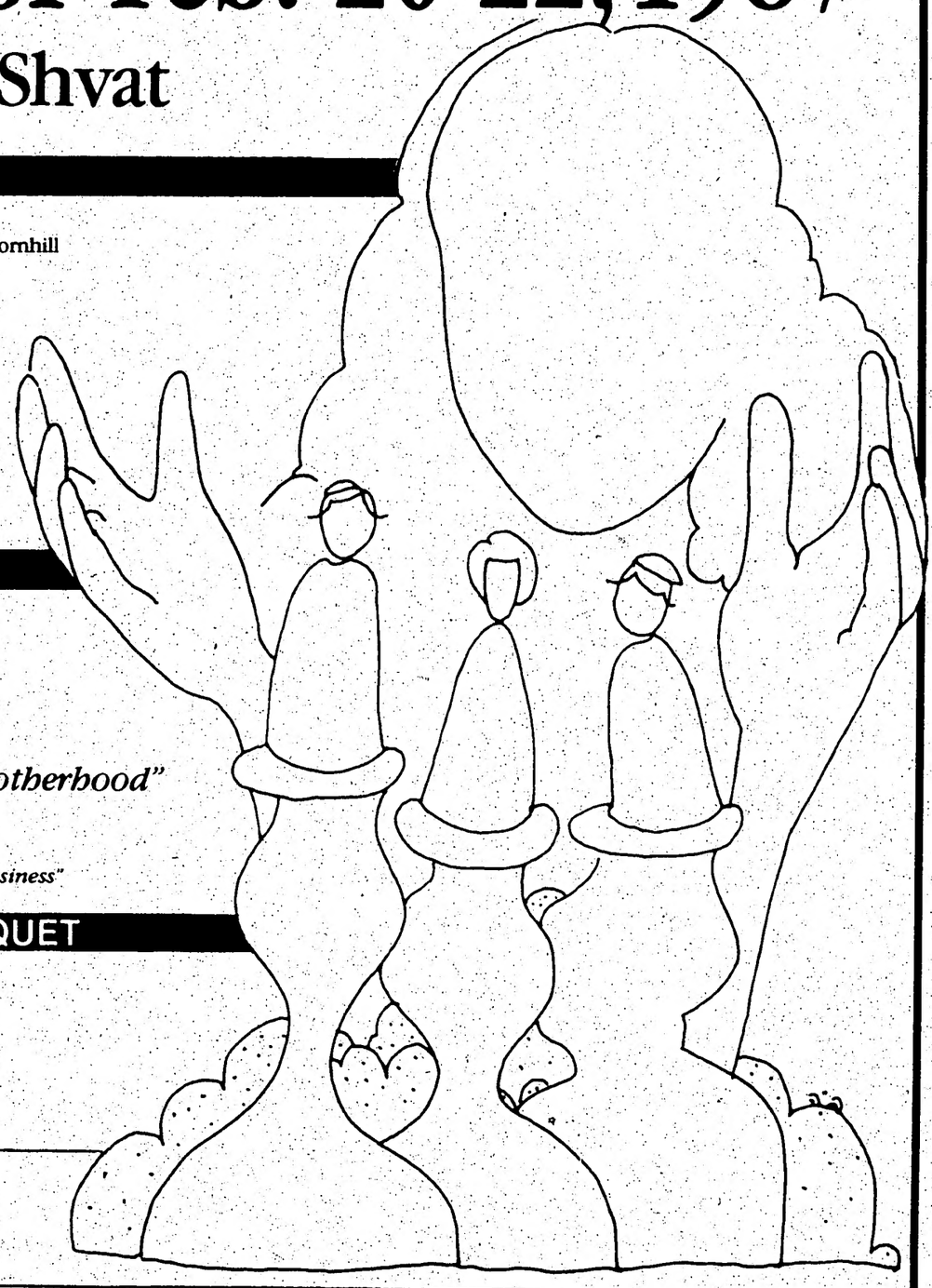

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Toronto family moves to help Refusenik cousin

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —
The Edelsteins for Edelshtein campaign is revving up into high gear.

Soviet prisoner Yuli Edelshtein's Toronto cousins gathered at the home of Gordon and Selma Edelstone and met with activists in the Soviet Jewry movement to discuss what can be done for him. The Refusenik was seriously injured last year in a Soviet labor camp accident.

A petition requesting "proper medical and an early release for our unjustly imprisoned cousin" was sent by courier to the Soviet ambassador in Ottawa.

Gordon Edelstone said that his cousin had been arrested for the sole crime of being a religious Jew who taught Hebrew.

He then read a letter that Edelshtein's wife, Tatyana, wrote to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in which she appealed to him again to release "my husband immediately for he has suffered sufficiently. Permit him to move with his family to Israel which, as Jews, we recognize to be our historic homeland. It is there that we wish to live, to educate our children and to practice our religion."

Yuli Edelshtein

Tatyana, who is being forced to live in an apartment with her 12-year-old daughter and a woman who testified against Edelshtein, outlined her husband's health problems stemming from a work accident on Jan. 29, 1986.

He fell on ice from a height of about 13 feet and fractured his left thigh and pelvis, which caused the tearing of his urethra. He was in a cast for four months during his 10-month stay in a prisoner's hospital and underwent two complicated urological operations.

Tatyana states in her letter, translated from Russian by Alon Shvut, that although her request that her husband, who cannot function normally as a result of the accident, not be sent back to that distant labor camp, her plea that he be granted special consideration as an invalid has not been met. He now works on the assembly line at a camp in Novosibirsk.

Although it had initially been planned to place a call to her that evening, in a telephone conversation a few days earlier with Jeanette Goldman, chairman of National Council of Women's Soviet Jewry Committee, Tatyana asked her not to call as the hour and her shared-living arrangement "would jeopardize" her position. A tape of that conversation, in a mix of Russian and English, was played and a transcript read.

MP Bill Attewell, chairman of the all-party Canadian Parliamentary Group on Soviet Jewry, who attended the meeting, stressed that "Russians don't like negative publicity so that's our leverage" in dealing with the Soviet Union.

He pointed out that in the case of ex-hunger striker Alexander Ioffe, the calls of encouragement from across Canada have had an impact on Soviet officials.

Attewell also made reference to a 4-man Soviet delegation in Ottawa last December for in-camera meetings with parliamentarians.

"You could actually see them bristle when we brought up anything critical," he said, adding that since the Soviets have signed various conventions and accords, they can be called to task for violations.

The MP pointed out that there are "interesting signals" emanating from the Soviet Union and mentioned specifically Andrei Sakharov being freed from internal exile and permited freedom of speech.

Attewell wondered aloud whether the release of certain individuals was "window dressing" or if there is real substance behind what's happening.

"We have to give them credit for some steps ... it's individuals and every life is important" but emigration has been decreasing since 1979.

(Latest figures from the National Conference on Soviet Jewry in New York show that only 98 visas were granted by authorities in January.)

Wendy Litwack, co-chairman of the Canadian Jewish Congress' Soviet Jewry Committee, said that frequently groups working for the release of Prisoners of Conscience forget about the wives and families.

These women — and Tatyana is a prime example — spend their days coping with bureaucracy and become experts on Soviet law, she said.

"They can't allow their energy to slacken because they know their husband's life depends on it. Tatyana has said every minute she's not spending working on his behalf is wasted — it was her work that got him transferred from the Siberian labor camp.

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LONDON —
For Jews in the West to fight for the release of Prisoners of Conscience and the right of Soviet Jews to emigrate is natural. For a group of Jewish women in Moscow to take a lead in doing this is remarkable.

Such a group exists — Jewish Women Against Refusal. They are Refuseniks and the wives of Refuseniks, many of them trying for more than a decade to obtain exit visas, reports Martin Gilbert, a prominent British historian who is the biographer of Winston Churchill.

Their husbands are among the leaders in the struggle for emigration rights, and, as a result, they and their families have suffered isolation and hardships. But two years ago, they began to take action, in the Jewish tradition of self-help, which in Russia dates back to the time of the czarist pogroms.

Twenty-three Refuseniks wives in Moscow and Leningrad sent a letter to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev shortly after he took office on behalf of Anatoly Scharansky, then serving a 10-year sentence in Soviet prisons and labor camps. When he was finally released in February 1986, they took up the cudgels on behalf of Dr. Iosif Begun, who has completed more than ⅔ of a 12-year prison sentence.

Ioffe would consider "drastic measures"

TORONTO —
Soviet hunger striker Alexander Ioffe will consider "more drastic measures" if his son is not given an exit visa by Feb. 12.

Ioffe, who called a halt to his 19-day strike Jan. 27 on the pledge of help from the chief secretary of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR, told Martin Penn, director of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry in Montreal, that Georgyi Scriavin contacted the head of the all-union OVIR office (the national emigration office).

"Ioffe said Scriavin told him a positive solution will be taken but officials need 10 days to prepare the documents," Penn said, adding that the 48-year-old mathematician was asked "to be patient."

Penn said that Ioffe told him the time sounded reasonable but he was "concerned it would not be an OVIR delaying tactic.

"He sounded good — like he believed that his son will get the exit visa."

Since the promise of help, Dimitry Ioffe, 24, had been called to the emigration office twice — the last time on Jan. 29 when he was told by the deputy head that "the question of an exit visa has not yet been solved but may be shortly."

Scriavin had previously told Ioffe that he is 100% sure that Dimitry's case had been practically resolved and that the senior Ioffe's was also being considered. After Dimitry's second visit to the OVIR office, Ioffe placed another call to Scriavin, who was unavailable until Feb. 3.

Ioffe, a Refusenik for 10 years, has had no direct contact with anyone at the OVIR office. He began the strike, in the wake of the refusal of an exit visa for his son, daughter-in-law and baby granddaughter to challenge the real intent of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's new open policy and the USSR's emigration laws which came into effect Jan. 1.

During the call with Penn, Ioffe was assured that the campaign on his behalf will go on until the whole family — not just the son's family — is released.

"The incredible tragedy of Soviet Jewry is that families are being split up so some members can have a new life is Israel," Penn said. He alluded to people like Lev Blitshtein of Moscow, in refusal since 1975, who was recently given permission to emigrate to the United States where he will rejoin the wife he was forced to divorce so she and their two children could emigrate.

"It's not a unique situation ... in times of danger, people often sent their children to a more civilized place.

"Ioffe's goal is to give up his son — to give him a chance for a better life. It's a tragedy that what will make Ioffe happy is to be apart from them.

"They don't know if they'll ever see each other again but, like most Soviet Jews, they have the attitude that it's better to be separate than stay together in the Soviet Union." — W.R.

NCJW's campaign for Refusenik ends successfully

TORONTO —
National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section has learned that its letter campaign on behalf of Refusenik Mark Polonsky has been successful.

Eti Young, chairman of the section's World Jewry Committee, said in an interview that Polonsky, a physics teacher in refusal since 1976, has received an exit visa to leave the Soviet Union.

Within two weeks, he will join his wife Margarita and daughter Yael, who were allowed to go to Israel nine years ago.

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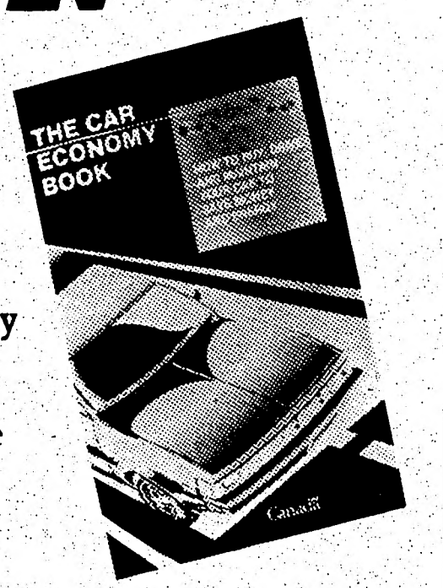

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Organizations and People

What's New

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

Thursday, Feb. 12

JSU/HILLEL

Jewish Student's Union/Hillel and Varsity Christian Fellowship are holding a wine and cheese reception at JSU House, 604 Spadina Ave. on Thursday, Feb. 12 from 3-5 p.m. Admission is free.

Sunday, Feb. 15

OLIM REUNION VIDEO

The Toronto chapter of Parents of North American Israelis plans to show a videotape of the reunion of Toronto olim held in Israel this past fall, at their next meeting on Sunday, Feb. 15, 8 p.m., at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. If you have children living in Israel, they may have been among the over 500 Torontonians who took part in this event. Guests and prospective members are welcome.

TU B'SHEVAT PARTY

Aluma, Canadian Israeli Club will be having a Tu B'Shevat party on Sunday, Feb. 15 in the Common Room of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. For more information call **Ephraim Dloomy** at 631-7546.

THE BIBLE IN ART

The Adult Education Committee of Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue presents a public lecture on Sunday, Feb. 15, at 8.15 p.m. featuring **Maxine Blendis**, noted lecturer and art historian. Her topic will be The Bible in Art — an illustrated lecture. It takes place at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd.

Monday, Feb. 16

MOTHERS AGAINST GOING CRAZY

Monday Magic, or Mothers Against Going Incredibly Crazy, meets at 9.30 a.m. Mondays, at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

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A series of education workshops continues Feb. 16.

JEWISH DIABETES GROUP

Convenience foods, fast foods, kosher products — how does a person with diabetes cope with these? **Susan Gatchell**, nutrition program assistant at the Canadian Diabetes Association will speak on this topic at the next meeting of the Jewish Diabetes Group, to be held on Monday, Feb. 16, 8 p.m., at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. W. Call **Jeff Rosen** at 665-2747 for further details.

JEWISH-CHRISTIAN DIALOG

The next meeting of Jewish-Christian Dialog is planned for Monday, Feb. 16, 7.30 p.m. at the Lodz Holocaust Synagogue, 12 Heaton St. For more details call **Mary Cooper** at 221-8958.

PILLAR OF FIRE

Pillar of Fire, the history of Israel's rebirth, 1896-1948, jointly sponsored by The Canadian Zionist Federation and Beth Tzedec Synagogue continues its 10-week series with the segment, Jewish People Where are You? and The Valley is a Dream (the 1920s). The program consists of colorful video tapes, lecture and stimulating discussion. It will be held at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St., Monday, Feb. 16 at 8 p.m. There is no charge and coffee is served. Everyone is welcome.

CHOCOLATE DEMONSTRATION

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood invites you to a Hands On Chocolate Demonstration with **Linda Morganstein** on Monday, Feb. 16 at 8 p.m. in the Arback Hall of the synagogue, 100 Elder St. Hostess for the evening is **Evelyn Mandel.** For more information call the synagogue office at 633-3838.

Tuesday, Feb. 17

Join Aluma, Canadian Israeli Club on Tuesday, Feb. 17, when **Yigal Gilboa** will speak on the Kibbutz in the 80s. This will be at the Wagman Centre, Fireside Hall, 55 Ameer Ave. For more information call **Ephraim Dloomy** at 631-7546.

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

Cultural Council of Toronto Jewish Council is sponsoring a T'nach study group on Tuesday, Feb. 17, 8.15 p.m. at Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St. The group will study Zephaniah, Chapters II, III. Call **Merle Goldman** at 635-2883 for more information.

NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE

To find out how botanical medicines, homeopathy, nutritional therapy and other naturopathic methods can help in the treatment of chronic and stress-related diseases, attend a free public lecture at the Bathurst Heights Public Library, 3170 Bathurst St. (north of Lawrence) on Tuesday, Feb. 17 from 7-8.30 p.m. For further details call the Ontario Naturopathic Association at 255-8218.

ALCOHOL ADVERTISING

Is there a link between alcohol advertising and the amount people drink? What impact do these ads have on young people? Join panelists in an open discussion on these important issues at a public forum sponsored by the Addiction Research Foundation, on Tuesday, Feb. 17, 7.30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Addiction Research Foundation, 33 Russell St. Admission is free. For more information call 595-6102.

ESTATE AND MORTGAGES

The basics of negotiating a mortgage, either private or institutional, in terms of sales clauses, open privileges, and pre-payment will be the topic of discussion at a seminar, to be held on Tuesday, Feb. 17, 7.30 p.m. at Fairview Regional Library, 35 Fairview Mall Drive, east of Don Mills Road. For details call 495-3436.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Jewish Genealogical Society will be on Tuesday, Feb. 17, 7.30 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. in the library. Call **Rolf**, 922-5134 or **Rayzel** at 736-5178 for more information.

TRAVEL EVENING

Na'amat Pioneer Women Forest Hill/Cedarvale Chapter invites members and prospective members to an evening with **Andrea Baltman**, travel consultant, who will discuss Getting More for Your Canadian Dollar When Traveling Abroad. The event will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 17, 8 p.m. at 431 Glengrove Ave. W. RSVP at 636-5425 or 482-0018.

Wednesday, Feb. 18

HOLY BLOSSOM SISTERHOOD

Rayzel Robinson, executive director of the Jewish Students' Federation at York University, will report on her recent visit to the International Conference on Women and Judaism in Israel, at the next meeting of Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood. The meeting takes place on Wednesday, Feb. 18, 8 p.m. at the temple.

SAFETY AWARENESS

Parents of children 12 and under are invited to a discussion on how to teach children about potential dangers without scaring them. A children's librarian will show a selection of books available in the library which deal with this issue. This takes place at the Don Mills Regional Library, 888 Lawrence Ave. E., west of Don Mills Road at 7.30 p.m. The program is free but please pre-register by calling 449-3711.

ANOREXIA SUPPORT GROUP

The Anorexia Bulimia Family Support Group of Metropolitan Toronto and area, will hold its regular monthly meeting at Toronto City Hall on Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 7.30 p.m. Call 789-4940 for more details.

FINANCIAL PLANNING

A discussion on financial planning led by an investment expert will be held at the Yorkdale Library, in Yorkdale Shopping Centre on Wednesday, Feb. 18 from 2-3 p.m. For more information call 495-3436.

NEUROLOGICALLY DISABLED

The Association for the Neurologically Disabled of Canada offers unique home-rehabilitation programs for people of all ages suffering from a wide variety of neurological problems such as cerebral palsy, developmental delay, autism, or Down's Syndrome.

To learn more about their programs for the brain injured, come to the next meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 18, 7.30 p.m. at Richview Public School, rear entrance, 59 Clement Rd., two lights north of Eglinton, west of Kipling. For more details call 244-1992.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

NORTH YORK WRITERS

If you are interested in the development of this craft and in promoting the literary arts in North York, you are invited to a special North York Arts Council literary meeting on Sunday, Feb. 22, from 2-4 p.m., at the Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Dr., Room 215 (on Finch, halfway between Bathurst and Yonge. T.T.C. bus 36).

The purpose of this meeting is to revitalize the literary component of the North York Arts Council and to elect a literary committee to carry through the revitalization.

For further information, please call the NYAC office at 225-4486.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue is holding a Trivia Night on Saturday, Feb. 21, at 8 p.m.

Tickets at $15 per couple are available at the synagogue office, 100 Elder St. Tables of 10 can be reserved. For more information call 633-3838.

NCSY SHABBATON

The Shaarei Shomayim youth will be hosting a Regional Western District NCSY Shabbaton from Feb. 27 to March 1.

Participants will be coming from throughout Ontario with a delegation from Montreal and upper New York State. Scholars, rabbis and lecturers will lead stimulating and provocative thematic messages and an exciting Jewish rock band will enhance the ruach (spirit) that is always found at NCSY Shabbatonim.

For more information contact **Rabbi Nosson Westreich** at NCSY office, 3600 Bathurst,(416) 782-3117 or 782-5422.

KOSHER TAKE-OUT

You can enjoy the convenience of a delicious kosher take-out meal prepared in the Baycrest Terrace kitchens for only $5 ($7 on Fridays.)

Special meals for salt-free, bland, diabetic or regular diets can be prepared. Meals include soup or juice, salad, entree, vegetable and potato, dessert, coffee or tea, and choice of bread.

Meal tickets must be purchased one day in advance. For more information call **Sharon Bizouati** at 785-2430.

MUSEUM OF TORONTO

All Torontonians are invited to take part in the creation of a Museum of Toronto. This exciting, educational and entertaining facility will tell the living story that is Toronto. The Toronto Historical Board is now asking for interested citizens to submit briefs, make comments or attend a heritage conference to be held at City Hall on Feb. 14 and 15.

Individuals and community, cultural and heritage groups should submit their ideas on all aspects of the museum, including themes and content, programs and activities, collections and location to Museum of Toronto project, Toronto Historical Board, Stanley Barracks, Exhibition Place, Toronto M6K 3E3 before Feb. 14.

For more details call **Lesia Lebed** or **Lee Jolliffe** at 392-6827.

LEGAL AID LECTURES

Bathurst Heights Regional Library is sponsoring a series of legal aid lectures on a different aspect of law each week. On Feb. 18 at 7.30 p.m. the topic will be Your Rights and Obligations as a Tenant.

The library is located at 3170 Bathurst St., north of Lawrence Ave.

JEWISH DISTRESS VOLUNTEERS

Tel-Aide: the Jewish Distress Line is seeking additional applicants to train as phone volunteers. Qualifications of candidates should include good listening abilities.

A 5-session training course will be provided. Interested men and women should request an application form by calling 635-5606 evenings, or 635-5600 days.

The Jewish Distress Line is a project of Toronto Jewish Congress.

TEMPLE ISRAEL, LONDON

Rabbi David Azen will speak on Shabbat, Feb. 27, 7.30 p.m. at the London JCC.

Pesach is approaching. Members interested in having a congregational seder should contact **Judi Stoller**, 668-0990.

HOUSELINK COMMUNITY HOMES

Houselink Community Homes is a non-profit organization that establishes cooperative housing for people who have received psychiatric treatment. Co-operative houses, each with four or five men and women, are located throughout Metro Toronto.

Houselink is presently seeking volunteers who are looking for challenging and satisfying work and who can commit a minimum of one evening a week to attend house meetings. The role of the volunteer is to facilitate group decision-making and problem solving on matters relating to the co-op. Ongoing training and support is provided by Houselink staff.

For further information on how to become involved in this innovative housing program contact **Lindsey Bent** at Houselink, 968-0242.

SENIORS DAY CENTRE VOLUNTEERS

Do you enjoy working with seniors? Seneca Village Square Seniors Day Centre, a unique centre geared to seniors with special needs, is urgently looking for volunteers. If you are interested in assisting staff with programming or have a special interest or skill to share, your help would be greatly appreciated. The Centre, located near Finch and Don Mills operates day programs Monday to Thursday.

If you have a couple of hours a week to help with this worthwhile program, please call the Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

YOUNG MARRIED BOWLERS

Attention, newly married and soon to be married couples between the ages of 20 and 40, a new bowling league is being planned just for you.

If you are interested in becoming part of this group, call **Jeff** at 826-2946 after 6.30 p.m.

Unless the initial response is good, there will be no league. Call now!

HEBREW-SPEAKING ORT GROUP

The Hebrew speaking group of Toronto Women's ORT will be meeting for the first time on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 8 p.m. If you are an Israeli, or speaking Hebrew is your hobby, this is the group for you.

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FUND RAISING EFFORTS

Steve Diamond (right), co-chairman of the Toronto New Leadership division of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, presents proceeds of recent fund-raising event to Dr. Ralph Halbert, Friends' chairman.

Organizations and People

What's New

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For more information please call **Kati Harari** at 738-8653 or **Marcy Gilbert** at 787-0339.

VENDORS WANTED

Toronto Women's ORT is looking for vendors for its Mother's Day Gift Show Sale to be held at the Thornhill Community Centre, 7755 Bayview Ave., from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, May 3.

Deadline date is March 15. For further information call the ORT office at 787-0297.

BETH SHOLOM ADULT EDUCATION

Beth Sholom adult education program is hosting a scholar in residence weekend on Feb. 14 and 15 featuring guest speaker **Dr. Max Wohlberg**. He is a professor of nusach and Chazzanut at the Cantors Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary and visiting professor at Gratz College in Philadelphia.

On Shabbat morning his topic will be The Chazzan: History and Evolution of the Office. A luncheon will follow. The Sunday morning lecture is entitled The Quality of Jewish Humor.

The cost of the luncheon is $8. Please reserve in advance by calling 783-6103.

TU B'SHEVAT

Kehillat Ahavat Hesed, an egalitarian Conservative Congregation is holding its first annual Tu B'Shevat seder together with Kabbalat Shabbat with a pot luck vegetarian supper on Friday, Feb. 13, at 6.30 p.m.

Members of the public interested in joining our congregation are invited to attend. For more information call **Marcy** or **Shalom** at 785-5005.

YOUTH DANCE

Holy Blossom Temple Youth Group and Pete and Dave present a dance for youth between the ages of 14-18 on Saturday Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. It will be held at the temple at 1950 Bathurst St.

Tickets, at $7 or 2 for $13 are available in advance by calling **Peter** at 489-4178 or **David** at 785-9841.

MUSICAL WEEKEND

Holy Blossom Temple presents a weekend of Early Jewish Music on Feb. 13-15 featuring **Ensemble for Early Jewish Music**.

On Friday, Feb. 13 at 8.30 p.m. a special Oneg Shabbat program, The Elegance of Jewish Renaissance, features the liturgical music of Salomone Rossi for cantor, choir, harpsichord and string quartet. No tickets are required.

On Sunday, Feb. 15 at 9.30 a.m. Ensemble for Early Jewish Music, co-sponsored with the Brotherhood Breakfast Club presents Music of the Sephardic Jews. Breakfast at a cost of $3 is at 9.30 a.m. and lecture-demonstration is at 10.a.m.

A gala concert featuring Ensemble for Early Jewish Music, **Holy Blossom Temple Singers**, **Cantor Benjamin Maissner**, conductor and **Douglas Bodle**, harpsichord, will be held on Sunday Feb. 15 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $8 ($5 seniors and students) and are available in advance at Holy Blossom Temple and at Israel's Judaica Centre, 973 Eglinton Ave. W. and 243 Wilmington Ave. Tickets are also available at the door on night of concert.

For further details call 789-3291.

SENIORS' CLASSES

The Toronto Board of Education offers a large variety of programs for seniors, ranging from sing-along and choir classes to aqua fitness and sewing.

The classes are in the daytime and are free to seniors living in Metropolitan Toronto. For a copy of the brochure call 591-8238.

LEARN WORD PROCESSING

Bathurst Heights Secondary School Adult Learning Centre is training adults to become word processors. Students attend classes for 40 weeks and are paid on average $245 per week.

The program includes instruction in typing, keyboarding, communication and job skills and a supervised placement in real work situations in the community.

The program is funded by the federal government and begins Feb. 16. For more information call 789-0551, ext. 251.

ALPHA EPSILON PHI SORORITY

Alpha Epsilon Phi Sorority, based in Toronto is looking for any alumni in the area. Please call **Andrea** at 886-2552 or 886-1966.

ORT IN HALTON AREA

The inaugural meeting of the Business and Professional Women's group of Women's Canadian ORT will be held on Sunday, March 8 in the Halton area. Working women living in Mississauga, Burlington, Oakville or Hamilton are welcome to join.

The first program will be a panel discussion entitled the Myth of Superwoman. For more information on this exciting new chapter please call **Elana Pekar**, 639-7353 (in Burlington) or **Marcy Gilbert** at the National ORT office at 787-0339.

BRONZE SCULPTURE

Bronze sculpture by Joe Rosenthal is featured at the University of Toronto, Erindale College art gallery until March 8.Gallery hours are Monday to Friday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 12 noon to 5 p.m.

JEWISH WOMEN IN ART

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood presents Jewish Women in Art, an ongoing art exhibition in the synagogue lobby. Ceramic figurines by **Elsa Skuy** will be featured until Feb. 19.

singles

Club Blue Note in cooperation with **High Society** will be holding a Valentine's dance on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 7.30 p.m. There will be a dee jay, dancing and live entertainment by **George Kitts.** Club Blue Note is located at 128 Pears Ave., north of Bloor, east of Avenue Rd. Cover is $8 and there is complimentary parking next door. For more details call High Society at 783-8520.

Nagilla Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women, a chapter for singles 40 and over will be holding a general meeting with elections on Monday, Feb. 16, 8 p.m. at the Marc Building, 6091 Bathurst St. Call **Eve**, 633-6368 for further information.

Metro Toronto Singles is holding a Valentines Singles Party on Sunday, Feb. 15, 8 p.m., at the Convention Hall of the Triumph Hotel, 2737 Keele St. (Keele St. and Highway 401). Early bird special is $6 from 8-9 p.m. and after 9 the cost is $8. The door prize is a weekend for two at the Triumph Hotel. For more details call **Sid** at 222-7111.

Club Moriah (20-40) is going to the theatre on Tuesday, Feb. 17. Meet at the 5 Star Ticket Booth in front of the Eaton Centre (southwest corner of Yonge and Dundas) at 6.30 p.m. We will select a half price event from those available. To find out more call **Jeff** or leave a message at 783-3019 or **Ray** at 638-6005.

JCC Valley Singles Network presents their annual Sweetheart Dance on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 8.30 p.m. at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Dance, meet old and new friends and maybe you will win a door prize of a dinner for two at Lime Rickeys. Refreshments will be served. The cost is $4 for members (with cards) and $6 for non-members.

Have you ever wondered what your dreams mean? **Club Dafna** of Na'amat Pioneer Women invites single women (age 25-35) to a fascinating program with dream therapist **Jerry Steinberg**, on Thursday, Feb. 19. For details contact **Sharon** at 653-9890 or **Harriet** at 493-2378.

for seniors

Do you get anxious or easily unnerved in stressful situations? Then help yourself by coming to hear **Mary Thomas** on Stress Management, Thursday, Feb. 12 at 2 p.m. at the Bloor JCC. **Good Age Club** members 50¢, non-members 75¢ includes refreshments.

The following week, on Thursday, Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. the Good Age Club presents **Allan Feld,** who will give an inspiring talk on his visit to Refuseniks and Jewish centres in the USSR.

Spend an enjoyable afternoon with **Coffee House 60** every Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m. This is a group for the spirited and self-motivated. For more information on seniors programs at the Bloor JCC (Spadina and Bloor) contact **Sarah Casse**, 924-6211.

David and Joan Watts will be leading a sing-along on Sunday, Feb. 15 from 2-3 p.m. in the Assembly Room of **Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care**, 3560 Bathurst St.

On Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 1 p.m. in the Assembly Room, **The Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave.** presents **Dr. Michael Gordon** who will speak on Heart Disease and Strokes in the Later Years. Dr. Gordon is head of the division of geriatrics, Mt. Sinai Hospital and medical director of Baycrest Terrace.

Register at the Wagman Centre office by Feb. 17. For further information call 789-5131, ext. 2267.

Before Dr. Gordon's lecture, a booth in the Wagman Centre lobby, staffed by **Victorian Order of Nurses Metropolitan Toronto** will be set up to take blood pressure checks, starting at 10 a.m.

The Heritage Players of the Wagman Centre, directed by **Nathan Garnick**, are open for new cast members for their next production. They seek lively 55'ers plus, who are interested in singing, dancing and backstage activities. Please contact **Roselle Stone**, 633-2057.

Rehearsals take place every Tuesday from 1 p.m.to 4 p.m in the Assembly Hall of the Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widowers Program for men over 55 years of age, widowed less than two years, will meet next on March 4 from 7.30-9.30 p.m. in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave.

On Monday, Feb. 16 at 1.30 p.m. **The Self-Help** Widows Program for widows over 70 years of age will meet in the Conference Room of the Wagman Centre. The Self-Help Widows Program for widows from 55-70 years of age meets next on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 12.30 p.m. in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library.

Join the **Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50** for an afternoon of European Skin care with cosmetician, **Lidia Friedrich.** She will show men how to look more exciting and women how to look more beautiful. It takes place at the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. at 1.30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 17. Everyone is welcome and coffee and cake will be served. Cost for non-members is $1.50.

Meet the author, in the Fireside Lounge of **The Wagman Centre** at 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 19. **Sammy Luftspring,** author of Call Me Sammy will read excerpts from his book and share experiences of growing up in Toronto.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

Ilene Brass presents a fabulous afternoon of Yiddish and English songs at the Wednesday afternoon social, Feb. 18 at 1.30 p.m. Cost for members is $1.25, non-members $1.75 and refreshments will be served.

Dance to the lively music of the **Creative Band** on Sunday, Feb. 15 from 7.30.-10.30 p.m. Admission is $2 members, $2.50 non-members.

At the Lifelong Learning Institute Thursday seminar on Feb. 19 at 1.30 p.m., **Helen Wilks,** who recently returned from a trip to the USSR organized by the Voice of Women, will show slides and comment on her trip.

A video, Pavarotti Plus, will be screened in the synagogue on Monday, Feb. 16 at 1.30 p.m. There is no charge for members, non-members, $1.

SOVIET JEWRY BRIEFING

Dorothy Reitman, president, Canadian Jewish Congress, (right) and Jeannette Goldman, chairman of Soviet Jewry for International Council of Jewish Women and National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, met recently to discuss Goldman's forthcoming trip to Israel where she will meet with newly arrived Soviet dissidents.

A big day is planned for Tuesday, Feb. 24. Visit the Sigmund Samuel Canadiana Building, take a guided tour of the Discovery of the Titanic exhibit, enjoy lunch at the Golden Griddle Restaurant and laugh at the delightful comedy, the Melville Boys at the St. Lawrence Centre. The price of $18 includes transportation, all admissions, lunch and theatre tickets. This is for members only. For more information call **Barbara Zigler** at 225-2112.

at the jcc

At the Learning Experience Group of the Senior Adult Services Department on Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 1 p.m., **Freda Charles** will give a book review of **Chaim Potok's** novel, Davida's Harp. This will take place in room 204 of the JCC north, 4588 Bathurst St. For information call **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880, ext. 232.

About People

NAMED TO ORDER OF CANADA

Jake Superstein, an active member in the Edmonton Jewish community has been named to the Order of Canada, the country's highest distinction for its citizens, by Gov. General Jeanne Sauve.

Jake Superstein

Emigrating from Poland in 1928, the Superstein family founded the Produce Company, which led to Superstein's assignments to a number of federal and provincial appointments. He was named as Alberta's representative to the Canadian Produce Council during World War II, also serving as an advisor to the federal authorities in wartime provisions.

Superstein has been active in numerous causes on behalf of Jewish and civic organizations and received the Silver Ribbon Award, Edmonton's highest honor, in 1986. He was recently appointed to the board of governors, University of Alberta.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Rabbi S. K. Weinberg, senior principal of Eitz Chaim Schools will be the keynote speaker at the Principal and Teachers Conference of Torah Umesorah in Minneapolis Feb. 15 and 16.

Rabbi Weinberg

He will speak on how to Develop and Internalize Midos (character traits) and values within the student.

Weinberg will also present an original workshop which he designed to introduce the methodology of teaching independent Chumosh learning at an early age.

His wife, Phyllis, will do a workshop focusing on the problems of working mother-teachers and wives of teachers in the Jewish school system.

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Organizations and People

Raphael Marcus builds mosaic of past and present

Take Torah view of current events, rabbi says

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
The weather was almost the story for the first Aish HaTorah executive luncheon lecture for 1987 — almost, but not quite.

A severe winter storm battered New York City, shutting down the airports and stranding guest speaker Rabbi Jay Marcus.

Rabbi Marcus, spiritual leader of Young Israel of Staten Island, and founder of the educational Genesis Foundation in the U.S. and Israel, lectures monthly to Jewish members of Congress on Jewish issues.

He was to have discussed for some 40 guests at the Counsel Trust board room (17 Toronto St. and hosted by Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Counsel Corporation Allan Silber) Current Events: A Torah Perspective. And he would have, had the weather not intervened.

So with only a few minutes left in the fourth quarter (to use an appropriate metaphor for an event that took place one day after the Superbowl), a substitute was needed — one who would know just what Rabbi Marcus might say.

Rabbi Raphael Marcus

And the candidate was...Rabbi Raphael Marcus of B'nai Torah Congregation here. The younger brother of Jay, he received an urgent call for his services only about an hour-and-a-half before everything was set to begin.

And though the pressure was on, Raphael Marcus, an instructor in Talmud at Yeshivat Or Chaim, managed to put together a well-received lecture on the topic his brother had planned to discuss.

Rabbi Marcus built a mosaic of past and present, of Torah and current events, beginning with the section of Sh'mot describing the death of Joseph and his generation, and the rise of a new king who did not know Joseph and eventually enslaved the Jews.

When you look at this passage in only a cursory manner, said Marcus, the Jews seem to be in a worsening position.

But if the Torah is studied more carefully, even in this context there are positive effects, he said, because this was the beginning of a sense of Jewish identity, and it served as a catalyst for the drive to realize a Jewish homeland.

"We always have to be careful to look at Jewish history and events going on in the world, not from the limited perspective, but from the larger perspective, keeping our historic and Torah values as the uppermost consideration.

"Similarly, when you look at the issues which are facing Israel in the world today, it's crucial to evaluate them not from a limited perspective, but from a broader perspective."

For example, he said, the Lavi can be looked at from the perspective of its immediate costs, or its longterm potential as a defender of Israel.

The perspective on current events that Jews must adopt comes from the Torah, suggested Marcus. "Without that, I don't think we can understand the current events of today."

Moshe's upbringing in Pharaoh's house and education by his mother enabled him to understand both worlds and have the bearing of a leader, the rabbi noted.

Today, Jews must also understand the outside world so they can be effective representatives of the needs of our people to that world, said Marcus.

But the key to achieving the capacity for dealing with the outside world and maintaining our Jewish principles is in "strengthening Jewish education and Jewish identity because it is that which offers us the most promise for our future."

At the next Aish HaTorah luncheon lecture on Feb. 25, Rabbi Yaakov Weinberg is scheduled to speak on The Jewish View of Money. For more information about this and other Aish HaTorah programs, phone 636-7530.

Supermarket to feature kosher bakery and meat

VAUGHAN, Ont. —
The first Canadian supermarket to contain a kosher in-store bakery, meat department and deli will open in the Spring Farm Marketplace in the Town of Vaughan on Feb. 25.

The kosher departments in the new Food City supermarket are under the supervision of the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth, Orthodox Division, Canadian Jewish Congress, and include a 2,000 square foot bakery which will prepare everything sold in the department including bread, challahs, rolls, buns, cakes and pastries, a 30-foot refrigerated meat island and a separate dairy deli.

The 44,200 square foot store, located just north of Steeles at Clark and Hilda avenues in the Spring Farm Marketplace, is the largest to be opened by the Food City chain. It is equipped with 14 checkouts which electronically scan prices, checkouts and washrooms for the handicapped and a parking lot that can accommodate more than 400 cars.

The store's decor includes historical Thornhill-Vaughan photos around the interior perimeter as well as back lit, color photographs above the perishable food departments.

"Whole new ambience" planned

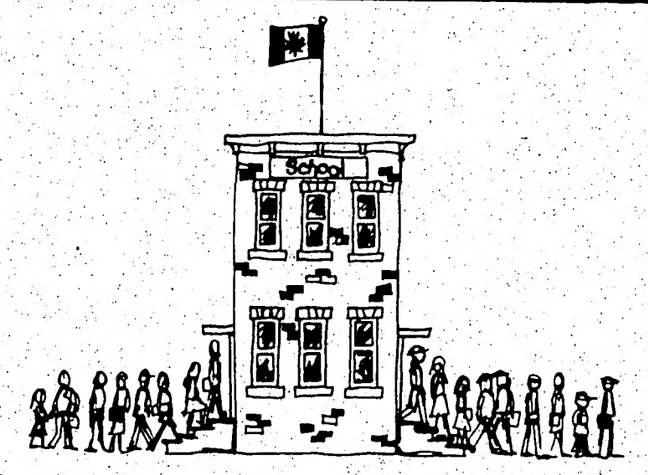
"Shoppers will find that this store has a whole new ambience," said Jonathan Wolfe, president of Oshawa Foods which operates Food City.

In addition to the kosher departments, the Food City store has a fresh fish department, a gourmet cheese department, a salad bar and a pasta and pizza case.

Store manager is Jim Dores. The meat department is managed by Richard Zigelstein who has many years of kosher meat operation experience and is the third generation of his family to be involved in the kosher meat business. Chief mashgiach is Rabbi Avram Langer.

The store will be open 24 hours a day from Monday at 7 a.m. to Saturday at 10 p.m.

Kosher departments are open 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday and, separated from the rest of the store, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.



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Many activities planned for students

Bialik Day School's annual learn-in scheduled

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Grades 7, 8 and 9 of Bialik Day School are once again looking forward to their annual learn-in, says acting principal Shana Harris. This year's will be held Wednesday, Feb. 25.

Says acting coordinator of Jewish Studies Ziona Hagler: "Spending the day at the Borochov Centre makes the experience that much more special."

Dr. Saul Levine, head of the adolescent psychiatry department of Sunnybrook Hospital, will discuss sex, drugs, and rock 'n roll.

The morning program will also include: a jazzercise session, a craft activity, a seminar, and a presentation on the plight of Jews in the Soviet Union, in which Dr. Sol Goldstein will speak about his recent 3-week visit with a Refusenik in Russia.

The movie Hester Street will be screened after lunch, introduced by Ben Kayfetz, former director of the Joint Community Relations Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress. He will lead a discussion on the Jewish immigrant experience in America.

The variety of events scheduled at the learn-in reflect the school's policy of encouraging the students to have as wide a range of experiences as possible. "They are encouraged always to ask 'why,' and not blindly accept whatever they are told," says Deanna Peranson, chairman of the public relations committee of the school's board of directors.

Besides satisfying the Ontario ministry of education guidelines, the school places a heavy emphasis on language. Children are taught English, Hebrew, French, and Yiddish. Debates, holiday programs, and the annual graduation exercise are carried out in all four languages.

Special events taking place during the year include a science fair, a Yom HaShoa program (in Yiddish), and a Yom Yerushalayim day, in which children learn what life was like in Israel before the reunification of Jerusalem in 1967 and what it is like now.

A unique celebration here is the birthday of Chaim Nachman Bialik, after whom the school is named. For two weeks before, children study his poetry and other writings, and on "Yom Bialik" take part in assemblies conducted in four languages.

New programs this year will be a Lag B'Omer field day, where students from grades 3-9 will compete in sports events, and Fete D'Hiver, a winter festival organized by the French teachers.

The children also take part in the National Bible Contest, city-wide math contest; zimriya and rikudiya of the Board of Jewish Education, and the Multiple Sclerosis Society read-a-thon.

The school, which was founded in 1961, has a strong labor Zionist emphasis. Traditional customs are presented as well, said Peranson.

The attempt is made to have the Hebrew and general studies programs run concurrently, so that, for instance, children might learn about the fall of the roman Empire in history, and study the Roman destruction of the Second Temple in their Jewish history course.

The school serves a growing enrolment of 628 students from junior kindergarten to grade 8. In keeping with current trends, grade 9 is being phased out.

Different theories outlined

Understand before "interpreting" Bible

TORONTO —

It is essential to study and fully understand what is actually written in the Bible before we read into it meanings and implications that might not be there, says Barry Levy, director of the Jewish Teachers' Training Program at McGill University.

In a recent lecture at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, sponsored jointly by the synagogue's adult education committee and the Board of Jewish Education, Levy, a scholar, writer and teacher, discussed attempts over the centuries to analyze and explain inconsistencies in the Scriptures.

"The plagues in Egypt have been explained in scientific terms; other stories by making them more and more supernatural, others by associating them with legends and myths."

These attempts, while sometimes criticized by scholars, do have a place in Jewish tradition, says Levy. He is, however, concerned that by trying too hard to explain the Bible, people might move away from its true meaning.

The Middle Ages saw a 4-part approach to Jewish biblical interpretation; a straightforward study of the meaning and application of the text, philosophical allegories, rabbinic literature such as the Talmud and its mystical content.

The contemporary world looks at the Bible somewhat differently. It is now more fashionable, explains Levy, to study carefully its physical text.

An appreciation of its literary qualities, such as its poetry and recurrent images has also resurfaced, particularly in academic circles.

Bible study has also received much attention with the growth of archaeology and related disciplines, Levy said.

Finally, he spoke of the universal practice of using biblical stories to reinforce ethical or other messages, such as comparing G-d's helping the Jews leave Egypt to our responsibility to help free Jews in the Soviet Union.

Although one can't be sure, Levy points out, that one will find the correct answers when studying the Bible, nevertheless "any intelligent Jew must take responsibility for understanding it. No one has the right to remain ignorant."

In response to a question from the audience, Levy indicated that he is not sure that the divine source of the Bible has any relevance to its study and interpretation. "Its divinity is relevant, however, as to how one applies it to one's life."

It is not necessary, he stressed, to resolve all the ambiguities in order to observe Jewish law. "If one is committed to halacha, one can live with the difficulties."

Herbert Spindel

Joseph Rosenfield

Rosenfield named to education post

TORONTO —

Joseph Rosenfield, general studies department principal of Associated Hebrew Schools' junior high division, has been selected by the Ontario ministry of education to serve on a part-time basis as education officer and as an inspector of private schools.

Rosenfield, who has been with Associated for 16 years, holds the highest education certificate in Ontario, that of a supervisory officer.

Henry Koschitzky, president of Associated Hebrew Schools, expressed "the pleasure of the school in the honor bestowed upon Rosenfield" with his appointment.

Koschitzky also announced the appointment of Herbert Spindel, a member of the Associated staff, who will serve as vice-principal in the junior high. Spindel has been a successful teacher as well as coordinator of special activities in the junior high.

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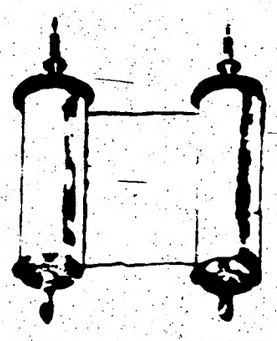

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By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Beshalach/Shabbat Shirah/Tu B'Shevat

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He visited a small village; each person promised what they could. One very poor peasant stood up and donated 100 rubles, a vast sum!

When he saw everyone's surprise that he could promise such an amount, he explained: "A few months ago, I owed a ruble and couldn't pay, so they put me in jail for one week. Now I am ready to sit in jail for one hundred weeks in behalf of our glorious navy!"

Continued Reb Yitzchak: "You could imagine how much the Russian navy was built from his sitting in jail. You can imagine how much good it will do the poor people of our city by your reading the Talmud."

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But no! Why did they leave? Only "beshalach Pharoah!" Pharoah had to force them out of Egypt! Pharoah had to make them run up to Eretz Yisrael! On their own, they would have preferred not to move.

We too, you, I, all of us, still languish in exile. But at least today we have an opportunity to share in the very holy soil of Eretz Yisrael by planting a tree, garden, or a grove in the Holy Land. I encouraged our readers on this eve of Tu B'Shevat, when we taste of the seven species of Israel and make a "shehecheyanu," to call the Jewish National Fund at 638-7200 and share in the greening of Israel.

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May Israel find peace easy as ABC — Shabbat Shalom.

Jewish Blood Donor Week a first

By
MOURA WOLPERT
HAMILTON —

This city's first Jewish Blood Donor Week Feb. 23 to 27 will be sponsored by the community's three synagogue sisterhoods.

It is the first time that the sisterhoods of Temple Anshe Sholom, Adas Israel Congregation and Beth Jacob Synagogue have joined in sponsoring a project in the general community.

The idea came from Cece Schreiber, president of Temple Anshe Sholom Sisterhood, who became increasingly concerned at the lack of contact between members of the Reform Temple Anshe Sholom and the Orthodox Adas Israel and Conservative Beth Jacob sisterhoods.

Members rarely meet except at the three annual combined sisterhood luncheons and a joint project, she felt, would bring members of the three sisterhoods together. "All of us have so much more to gain if we work together on something."

Starting out without any clear idea of what project would be best, Schreiber had to "sort of feel my way around." But Rosalie Gaffe, president of Beth Jacob Sisterhood, proved "very keen that Jewish women should work together on a project" and the president of Adas Israel Sisterhood, Nancy Somer, was equally supportive.

"Now we look forward to finding something worthwhile every year that all of us are interested in and that will become a unifying thing."

Rabbi Morton Green of Adas Israel Synagogue, shakes hands with Red Cross mascot Buddy Blood Drop. At centre is Rabbi Israel Silverman of Beth Jacob Synagogue and on the right, Rabbi Bernard Baskin of Temple Anshe Sholom. [Moura Wolpert photo]

Meanwhile the Jewish Blood Donor Week has received the wholehearted support of Rabbis Bernard Baskin of Temple Anshe Sholom, Morton Green of Adas Israel Synagogue and Israel Silverman of Beth Jacob congregation. Organizations such as B'nai B'rith and the Grand Order of Israel, whose recently installed Noble Master Jack Rosen is a regular blood donor, have also promised their support.

Dr. Morris Blajchman, medical director of blood transfusion services for Hamilton, explained the work of the local Red Cross and its function to sisterhood members at their recent combined luncheon. Sam Brownstone, former executive director of the Hamilton JCC, told of his own experience during a long and serious illness several years ago, when blood transfusions kept him alive.

Jane Rickard, manager of blood donor recruitment for the Hamilton Red Cross, is enthusiastic about the sisterhood's sponsorship.

"The most important thing is recruitment of donors" and the sisterhoods have undertaken to recruit 10 donors each per day, she said. A total of 150 donors "sounds a very manageable target" and for the Red Cross, added Rickard, "this would make a phenomenal difference."

Rickard plans to visit the Jewish schools to inform pupils of the program in the hope they will encourage their parents and families to attend the clinic.

The sisterhoods will provide kosher refreshments for donors and each sisterhood will have volunteers on hand to welcome and thank donors. Transportation will be provided by Red Cross cars and drivers but the sisterhoods will assist with additional transportation if needed.

Donors must be between the ages of 17 and 66 and "absolutely drug free," adds Levy. Anyone using ASA products must not take them for 24 hours prior to giving blood and those taking other drugs are advised to check with the Red Cross at 522-8485.

Blood Donor Week will be held Feb. 23 to 27 at the Canadian Red Cross Society, 400 King St. E. Hours are 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Monday, and 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. the rest of the week.

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Organizations and People

Funds raised to help subsidize farmers

Shemitta drive to close with Israeli's lecture

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —
A local information and fund raising campaign on shemitta will culminate in a public address here Saturday evening Feb. 21 by the movement's Israel leader, Rabbi Menachem Mendelsohn.

"The Jewish nation is one people," Mendelsohn's assistant, Rabbi Avraham Kliers, told The Canadian Jewish News on a recent preliminary visit here. "Everyone who supports shemitta has his hand in keeping the Jewish people alive and in rightful possession of its Holy Land."

Kliers is director of Keren HaShviit (Seventh Year Fund), which organizes and supervises shemitta activities with the endorsement of Israel's religious leaders.

Shemitta is the commandment of leaving all Jewish-owned fields in Israel fallow for one complete year in every seven. "The Torah makes Jewish possession of the Holy Land conditional upon this commandment's fulfilment," Rabbi Eleazar Brauner told The CJN. Brauner, executive director of Beth Jacob High School, is organizing the Toronto campaign.

Agudat Israel's Rabbi Moshe Lowy, president of Toronto's Vaad HaRabbanim, will head the local treasury — collection — committee. The shemitta campaign's goal is to raise $3 million worldwide, to help subsidize the 3,000 farmers in some 180 Israeli settlements who are not working their land this year.

Shemitta observers include non-religious settlements, like Mapai's (Labor Zionism's) Alma, and farmers, like a Mapam (secular Zionist) planter, across the length and breadth of Israel, Kliers told The CJN. "They too want to participate," said Kliers.

Many of the participants are using some of their free time this year to study the halachic complexities and ramifications of the shemitta year as well as Torah in general, added Kliers. "More than 20 study groups have been formed."

Videotapes, lectures and reading material on shemitta will be presented in Toronto day schools.

Congregation rabbis will devote their late February Shabbat morning sermons to discussing shemitta applications here and in Israel.

There are special halachot pertaining to the consumption of fruit and vegetables from Israel during a shemitta year. Their review will comprise part of the talk by Mendelsohn, in Hebrew and members of the Vaad, in English.

Mendelsohn is the son of the late Rabbi Binyomin Mendelsohn, a veteran Torah sage who in the early 50s left the Haifa suburb of Kfar Atta to found an agricultural moshav that would strictly observe the laws of shemitta. An emergency heter — exemption — passed by Israel's rabbinate prior to Independence, which allowed cultivation during a shemitta year if the fields were conditionally sold to non-Jews, was being rejected by an increasing number of observant Israelis.

The elder Mendelsohn took the position of spiritual leader in a small new Negev moshav started by a group of young Agudat Israel members. All the agricultural mitzvot in the Torah were applied — unprecedented since nearly biblical times.

The settlement, Kommemius, began thriving. Its rate of production was soon outstripping wealthier and more established kibbutzim and moshavim in the area, according to newspaper accounts.

This and certain inexplicable events served to boost respect for shemitta across Israel and overseas. A veteran of Kommemius described one such event that took place during the first shemitta year, in a recent newspaper report.

"It was a Friday morning about 10," he said. "A cloud of seemingly millions of locusts blotted out the sun from the sky. The pests settled wherever the eye could see and began their utter devastation of the growing crops. But, incredibly, they stopped just on the borders of Kommemius' fields."

Agudath Israel Congregation, 129 McGillivray, will host the Saturday night community meeting here, beginning at 8.30 p.m.

For more information, phone Lowy at (416) 783-3869.

A similar assembly is being organized in Montreal for mid-March.

Character growth key school banquet told

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
Development of good character and a genuine concern for the needs of others — together with an excellent Torah and general studies program — are the cornerstones of the education offered at Beth Jacob High School and Jacob Perlman Teachers' Seminary. So education director Rabbi Akiva Stefansky told the audience at the school's 25th annual banquet recently.

"Our students repay the financial and moral debt they owe the community with their talents, effort and dedication," he said.

Keynote speaker Rabbi Yaakov Feitman, lecturer, teacher and now spiritual leader of Young Israel Congregation of Cleveland, praised the school for its accomplishments.

"Our generation is in a terrible secona (danger)," he warned. "The most serious one for Jews is the tremendous ignorance about Torah values and teachings."

Women with a Torah education have the "greatest influence" on others whose ignorance leads them into error, he said.

Feitman urged the community to continue its support of the school. He said: "The fact that a Bais Yaakov school exists changes the city and changes the world."

Ernest Werner, co-president of the school for the past six years, said that "a second generation of women is now attending" the school, who would join previous graduates "who have guided hundreds of families to a strong Yiddish life."

He pointed out that there is a great need for assistance, both in financial and manpower terms, and thanked supporters in both categories.

Rabbi Avrohom Rotenberg, dinner chairman, introduced Nathan Elzas, chairman of the scholarship fund, who presented plaques of appreciation to those families who have recently endowed scholarships.

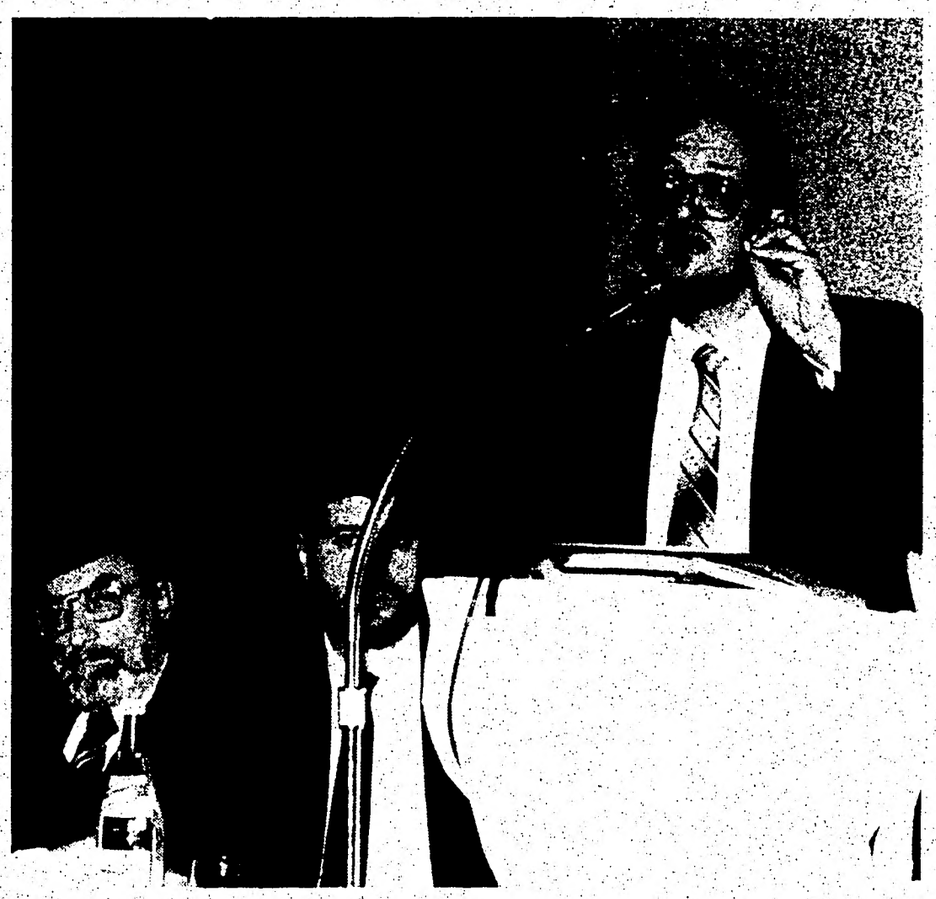
Rabbi Yitzchok Kerzner of Clanton Park Synagogue, whose congregation has endowed a scholarship at Beth Jacob, as it has at all Orthodox high schools in the city, said: "It is our pleasure and satisfaction to contribute to Torah education for our daughters."

He gave the school a special "yeshar koach" for maintaining an excellent academic program while also "nourishing the sensitive hearts of our girls."

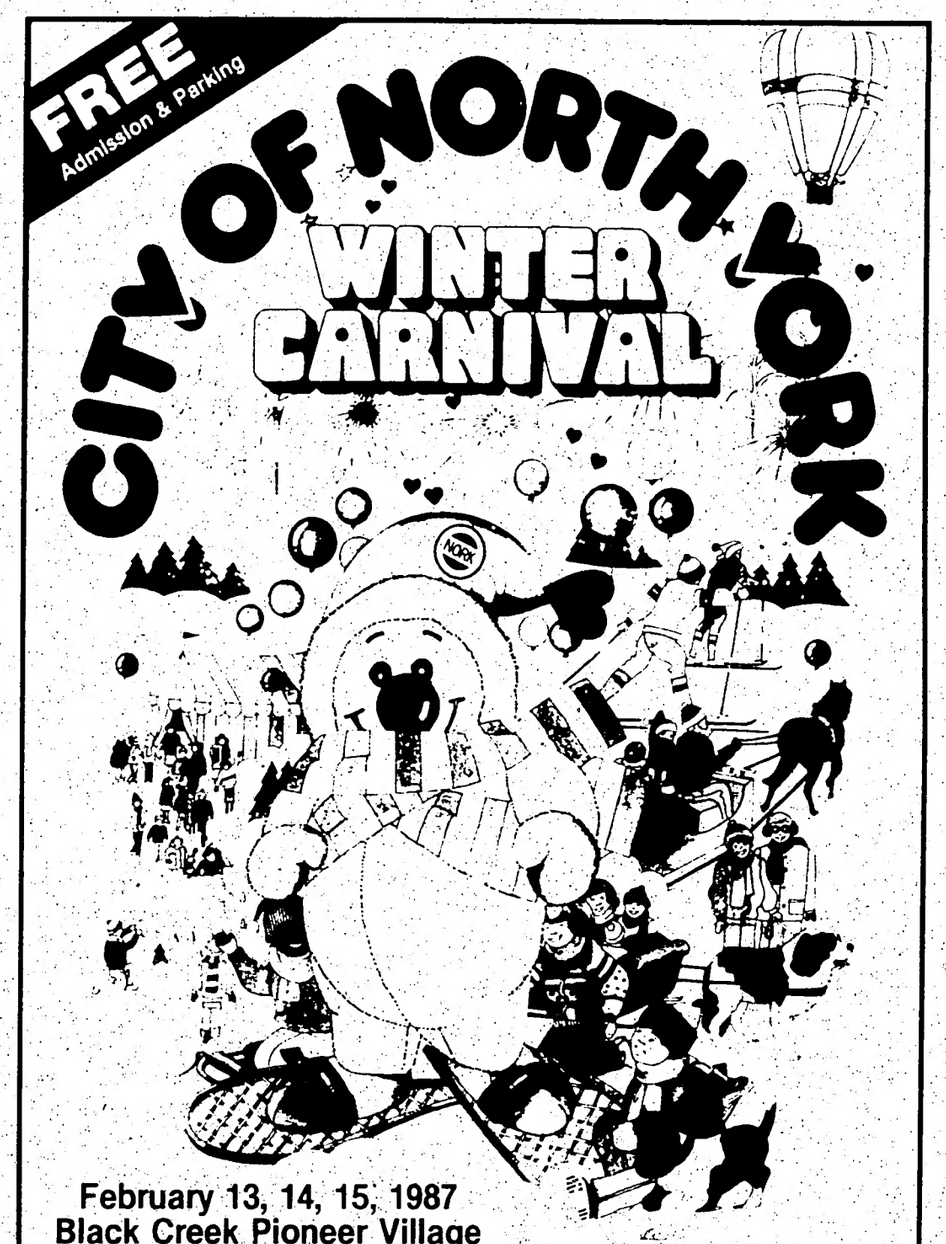
The school's women's league presented scholarships to 11th grade student Devorah Weiss, and 12th grade student Devorah Lebovic.

The silver anniversary theme was carried through in the evening's program, which was printed in silver on a cream background, and by the use of silver in the floral centrepieces.

The dinner was held at Torath Emeth Congregation.



Rabbi Yaakov Feitman (right) addresses gathering as event chairman Rabbi Abraham Rotenberg (left) and school founder and first president Rabbi M.J. Babrowski look on.



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Organizations and People

In honor of retiring Jewish Camp Council executive director

Fund established to send kids, seniors to camp

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —

An endowment fund to sponsor children and seniors at Camps Northland, B'nai B'rith and Good Fellowship, who would otherwise be unable to attend, has been established in honor of John Bernstein, retiring executive director of the Jewish Camp Council.

Bernstein, who served in this capacity for 33 years since the organization was founded, is succeeded by Ellen Nash.

The creation of the endowment fund was announced at a tribute dinner attended by directors and members of Jewish Camp Council, friends, Bernstein's wife Vera, and other family members.

Born "in transit" from Russia across Europe, Bernstein grew up in France and enlisted in the French Army during World War II. Taken prisoner, he managed to escape from a PoW camp in Germany and cross over to Switzerland aboard a train hauling steel.

Returning to France, he joined the Resistance. When war ended, he was hired by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration and sent to northern Germany.

Bernstein entered Bergen-Belsen with an UNRRA team the day after it was liberated. "I'll never forget that," he says. As a member of the UNRRA administration, he had been helping Poles, Hungarians and Ukrainians — but he vowed that in future he would only work with Jewish agencies. "I had to help my own people!"

He eventually left to take up a position with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in Austria.

His parents had survived the Holocaust hiding in France, but his father died soon after. In 1951, with his mother, he went to Winnipeg where an aunt and "a whole mishpocha" lived.

His first job was with the Winnipeg Jewish Child and Family Service, but in 1954 he came to the YM-YWHA in Toronto.

About that time, several camps, B'nai B'rith, National Council of Jewish Women, YM-YWHA and Mothers and Babes Rest Home were amalgamating into a community camp designed to serve all social and economic segments. "There was a feeling," Bernstein declares, "that the children of the community should be together, and those unable to pay would be subsidized."

Bernstein was invited to head the newly formed Jewish Camp Council which was to supervise the entire operation under the guidance of United Jewish Welfare Fund.

The B'nai B'rith camp on Lake Couchiching was sold, and a new umbrella camp for youngsters in the Jewish community, Camp Northland for boys and Camp B'nai B'rith for girls, was constructed on a site purchased outside the town of Haliburton on Moose Lake.

Camp Northland-Camp B'nai B'rith grew and grew until, says Bernstein, "it became the largest Jewish Community camp in North America, serving an estimated 50,000 campers (including returnees) over 30 years."

Following an organizational transition, Toronto Jewish Congress took over supervision of Jewish Camp Council.

Bernstein catalogues the many changes during his tenure.

"We had to adjust to the waves of immigration. We brought in staff members who could speak French for the North Africans; other languages were needed too, and we were continually expanding our services."

"In the latter part of the 60s we were faced with an explosion of the teen culture," he said. "We built a new camp — a beautiful camp — especially for teenagers, on the other side of the lake."

The mid-70s brought a drastic increase in campers from divorced, separated, single parent homes, a situation demanding a sensitivity to their particular needs, Bernstein said.

The teen camp has been closed, but Camp Northland-Camp B'nai B'rith is filled to capacity with all ages of youth.

Camp Good Fellowship for seniors, moved from Barrie, now flourishes at Maple Lake Resort and Conference Centre, a spot near Parry Sound, purchased from Camp Winnebago and completely updated.

In July and August, Maple Lake Resort and Conference Centre operates Camp Good Fellowship exclusively for seniors. Throughout the remainder of the year it hosts singles, synagogue groups, organizations and local schools.

Morley Wolfe, Jewish Camp Council president, congratulates retiring executive director John Bernstein at his recent tribute dinner.

Bernstein notes that while the Jewish community is generally comfortable, "there are poor Jews out there, many seniors, immigrants, single parent families — more than most of us realize." This is why, when he was told about the endowment fund, he specifically asked that it be used to send these people to camp.

Jewish Camp Council president Morley Wolfe described John Bernstein as a man who has kept the needs of the community before him, "a diamond in the crown of Jewish professionals who have graced our community."

To contribute to the fund, write to: The John Bernstein Endowment Fund, c/o Jewish Camp Council, 750 Spadina Ave., Toronto, M5S 2J2; phone 964-8842.

Winter Carnival brings fun to North York

NORTH YORK, Ont. —

Hot air balloon rides, free pancake breakfasts, midway games, and the area's largest ever exhibition of professional ice sculptures will be among some 100 activities at the 1987 City of North York Winter Carnival.

Site is Black Creek Pioneer Village, Friday, Feb. 13 through Sunday, Feb. 15.

Presiding over the carnival will be Miss North York, who was crowned after a final judging last Friday.

The carnival will host three new events in a 1,000-seat tent: Karneval 87, a festival of European music and song; Caribbeanfest, with traditional entertainment and food from the islands; and California Dreamin' Dance, an imaginary trip to the U.S. west coast.

Friday will feature events for seniors, beginning with a morning tea and get-together 10-11.30 a.m.; complimentary tea, crumpets and fresh fruit will be available. This will be followed by an old favorites singalong, a bridge tournament, folk dancing, horse-drawn sleigh rides, a floral workshop, a big band dance, and bingo.

Some 13 ice sculpting teams from across Canada, as well as master sculptor from Japan Yukio Matsuo will be working on 55 blocks of ice.

Parking and admission to the carnival is free. The 35B bus from the Jane subway station and the Steeles West bus 60 or 60B from the Finch subway station go to Black Creek.

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Broadbent applauded by seniors for party's stand

NDP's opposition to drug law changes cheered

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —
Nearly 300 senior citizens applauded New Democratic Party leader Ed Broadbent recently as he urged them to protest proposed changes to Canada's drug patent laws.

"We can fight the battle in Parliament, but for us to win we need your support," Broadbent told a recent meeting at the Bernard Betel Centre sponsored by the Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens' Organizations.

Under new Bill C-22, brand name drug firms would be given exclusive rights to market new drugs for 10 years. Currently, the Patent Act allows generic firms to make lower price generic drugs with payment of a 4% royalty to the originating company.

Bill C-22 has received second reading in Parliament which means it has been approved in principle. It is now before a House of Commons committee that will report back to the Commons early next month.

"The cost of drugs are going to go through the roof and any government that had any moral conscience whatsoever wouldn't inflict that on the sick people of the country," Broadbent said.

He added that "it almost boggles the mind as a Canadian that the Conservatives would do what they are doing."

that to happen here."

He urged Canadians to speak loudly to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and let him know that Bill C-22 is a "big mistake."

Neil Young, NDP critic for pensions, veteran affairs and federal housing said that drugs should not be up for grabs for people who want to make a profit on the backs of Canadian consumers.

"I am encouraged by all the coalitions that have started up across the country to fight the bill," said the Beaches MP. "We should be able to bring it to a speedy conclusion."

Stan Sugarbroad, president of the senior citizens coalition, urged the crowd to continue to write letters to the Prime Minister and Consumer and Corporate Affairs Minister Harvie Andre who introduced the bill.

Lowest prices

Broadbent said that now Canadians enjoy one of the lowest standards of prescription drug prices in the world but warned that with the introduction of Bill C-22, Canadians will be paying $650 million more each year for pharmaceutical products by 1995.

Panel member Dr. Joel Lechin, a member of the medical reform group of Ontario, said that there have been claims that if Bill C-22 is passed, more money will be spent on drug research in Canada.

"The assumption is, that there will be lots of new drugs," Lechin said. "Drug companies, however, put money into developing products that have the greatest sales and biggest profits, not drugs with the biggest health needs."

He added that most money goes into developing products that are no better than drugs that are already on the market. "The only people who will get healthier because of Bill C-22 will be the multinationals," Lechin said.

Dr. Barry Sherman, president of a firm that produces generic drugs told the group, that medical costs are the number one cause of personal bankruptcy in the United States. "We don't want

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Six years in making

Book chronicles history of Hungarian county

TORONTO —

About 40 survivors of a northwestern Hungarian county gathered here recently to launch a book commemorating their former home and their loved ones — friends and neighbors not able to escape its horrors.

Six years in the making, the book — *Vanished Communities in Hungary: The History and Tragic Fate of the Jews in Ujhely and Zemplen County* — was put together largely from the efforts of the 60 or so survivors of the area who now live in Toronto.

Located in the northeast corner of Hungary, just across the border with Czechoslovakia, Zemplen county was once a thriving Jewish centre and its capital — Satoraljaujhely, or Ujhely for short — produced a rabbinic dynasty whose scion today is the Reb Teitelbaum, leader of the Satmar sect.

About 14,000 Jews inhabited the county before the war and 5,000 were in Ujhely. After 1945, there were just 250 souls left from the entire region.

The book, written by Haifa University professor Meir Sas, a native of the area, is in three languages: Hebrew, Hungarian and English, and provides invaluable archival material for Holocaust historians.

It chronicles the history of the county beginning in roughly 1000 AD and describes the centuries of anti-semitism that culminated in the Holocaust and the help Germans received in rounding up thousands of Hungarian Jews from Hungarian Nazis — the Arrow Cross — and the local police, the Gendarmerie.

It also contains photographs, sketches, town maps and oral histories by Zemplen County natives who today live in Toronto, including Rose and Imre Szamet, Joe Sorger and Yehuda Lipsitz, the executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, who lost approximately 70 relatives in the Holocaust.

"This book is typical of a whole genre of 'Yizkor books' that have come out in the past 20 years or so," Rabbi Irwin Witty, head of the Board of Jewish Education, told The CJN. "These people are becoming more and more conscious of history. They know time is running out."

The work, Witty told the book launching, is "an affirmation of the commandment to remember." It is all the more significant, he said, in times that are today seeing a rise in Holocaust-denial literature.

Former CJC Ontario Region chairman Les Scheininger told the gathering the book "is a legacy. It is ammunition we can use against our enemies."

What is ironic about the plight of Hungarian Jewry during World War II is that Jews were relatively safe until 1944, by which time even the Germans knew the war was lost. Hungary was on Germany's side during the war but it managed to stave off German demands to deport its Jews to the death camps.

Then in early 1944, SS chief Adolph Eichmann invaded Hungary and vowed to exact vengeance on the Jews who had managed to elude him for so long. In less than a year, Eichmann "cleansed" Hungary of 70% of its Jews.

In Ujhely, the situation was much the same as in other Jewish centres: Jews were herded into a ghetto and between May, 1944 and July of that year, most of its inhabitants were taken to Auschwitz, a place many Hungarian Jews did not believe existed until it was too late.

In its forward, Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel says the book is "about Jews who could have been saved."

It is available by writing the Memorial Book Committee, PO Box 3052, Station D, Willowdale, Ont., M2R 3G5 or by telephoning Yehuda Lipsitz at 635-2883.

Diamond to head new program for TJC Fund

TORONTO —

The Endowment Fund Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress has appointed Jerome D. Diamond, a professional in Jewish communal work for more than 44 years, as research consultant to head a new program, says Wilfred Posluns, chairman of the Fund.

Jerome Diamond

The program, called Group Estate Planning, will gather information on artifacts and assets within Toronto Jewish communal organizations and synagogues. It will be financed for two years by the Berman Fund, a special fund within the Endowment Fund established by philanthropists Joe and Helen Berman.

Estate planning for organizations, says Diamond, a past executive director of the Jewish Family & Child Services and founder of the Jerome D. Diamond Treatment Centre for Adolescents, goes to the "essence of the Endowment Fund which is concern for the survival and continuity of Jewish communal life. A key to that survival is the preservation of its past."

The goal of the project, says Diamond, is to identify and compile an inventory of the unexplored, often forgotten resources of older people such as landsmanshaften and shuls; and in the event of the organization going out of existence, the Toronto Jewish Congress will become the beneficiary of last resort to ensure the preservation of their artifacts, papers and resources.

Too often, Diamond says, the religious books, ceremonial objects, documents and minute books, building and real estate holdings are lost or dissipated due to lack of planning.

As an example, Diamond cites his own experience at the Jewish Family & Child Services where only two or three diaries from the 19th century of the original women's groups which gave rise to the present organization were saved.

In addition to compiling inventories, Diamond plans to develop strategy for group estate planning which could be used by all groups, young and old, to record their assets and papers and plan for the future.

Honor Society seeks students

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The society is funded by Toronto's Joseph Tanenbaum, internationally known builder and philanthropist.

"National recognition of the achievements of a 13-year-old child will impact on the future of his or her life," says society director Avi Shulman.

Torah Umesorah — the National Society for Hebrew Day Schools — the organizer of the honor society is a pedagogical institute that prepares syllabi, curricula and achievement tests for the Hebrew studies departments of yeshivot.

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"Miner's canaries of the world"

Hatred of Jewish values tied to anti-semitism

By MARK DODICK

TORONTO —

Though obscured by other explanations, the true source of anti-semitism is a hatred of Jewish ethical values, noted author and lecturer Dennis Prager said here recently.

Prager, co-author (with Rabbi Joseph Telushkin) of Why The Jews? The Reason for Anti-Semitism, was invited to speak by Aish HaTorah.

He addressed an audience of more than 150 on that question at the unfinished Toronto Design Centre (160 Pears Ave.), which was loaned for the event by host Joshua Latner.

Historically, said Prager, five popular reasons have been offered to explain anti-semitism. But these explanations de-Judaize the hatred, he emphasized.

Those five "causes" include: economics, scapegoats, ethnic bigotry, racism, and psychology. "I believe all of these are factors," said Prager, "but none of them cause Jew hatred. They are exacerbators."

If Jews were hated for their wealth, said Prager, then they should be despised in the U.S., yet statistics and other evidence show that in no other country are they so well accepted.

Turning to the scapegoat explanation, Prager said the Nazis were not elected through the use of blaming the Jews for Germany's problems. On the contrary, they played down their anti-semitism until they were elected.

"It was not tactical for Nazis to hate Jews . . . and by the way, you do not murder scapegoats . . . and if they were scapegoats why did they take men and ammunition away from the war to kill Jews?"

Ethnic bigotry is also insufficient to explain anti-semitism, argued Prager. "It's one thing to not like a group and another thing to want them dead." And studies show, he said, that ethnic bigotry appears even in those who saved Jews from the Nazis.

We are not a race, continued Prager, so the assertion that racism is at the heart of anti-semitism does not hold. Hitler conveniently chose to call Jews a race, "to explain why Jews could never be anything but Jews."

To use psychology to say that anti-semites are sick still doesn't tell us anything about the source of the sickness, reasoned Prager.

"It is possible to be sick and hate Jews and not be sick and still hate Jews. They may go hand in hand, or may not go hand in hand, and you would still have the problem — why do they hate the Jews?"

If we are intrinsically different from other groups, suggested Prager, then there must be a unique reason for the hatred.

The Talmud deals briefly with the question, why the Jews, said Prager, who writes and publishes Ultimate Issues, a quarterly journal examining issues of our time in light of Judaism's values.

The Talmud notes the similarity of the Hebrew words, "for Sinai," where Jews received the Torah, the source of their values; and hatred. By doing so, the Talmud implies that the source of anti-semitism is a hatred of the belief in an ethical God who demands moral behavior from all men.

Thus the Nazis perceived Judaism as a threat; and so did Christianity, because "if the Jews are right in staying Jewish, we (Christians) are wrong."

Our "trinity," said Prager is composed of an ethical God who makes demands of us; the Torah, the coda of unique laws given to us; and peoplehood, our unique status as a nation.

And while we are not the only nation to claim that we are "chosen," "nobody laughed about Jews being chosen. They believed it and they resented it."

Dennis Prager

Other groups so strongly believed it that they tried to take that status away, said Prager, who hosts Religion On The Line on KABC radio in Los Angeles. He pointed to Christianity's use of "new" testament and references to the church as the "new Israel;" and the Muslim insistence that Abraham was actually an adherent of Islam.

The ethical value system of Judaism has made it "humanity's moral litmus test. The Jewish people are the miner's canaries of the world.

"When there is evil we are the miner's canary, we die first. A good non-Jew should understand that when a Jew gets killed, it's not just a Jewish problem."

What is the solution to anti-semitism? The solution is the same as the cause: Ethical monotheism is the cause of anti-semitism and it is the cure, Prager said.

When the world embraces the belief that God demands ethical behavior from man, there will be no Holocausts.

"I think we have a recipe for conquering evil . . . that is why evil people hate us and why good people love us."

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Support group for olim "reverse landsmanshaft"

TORONTO —

Incoming Toronto chapter president Victor Sefton has attributed the steady growth of Parents of North American Israelis to its success as "a landsmanshaft in reverse."

Sefton was addressing the recent new executive installation, overseen by longtime Canadian Zionist Federation officer Max Shecter.

"We members of PNAI are a diverse group, with affiliations ranging from the very Orthodox to the secular," said Sefton. "We come together month after month because of our concerns for our families in Israel.

"Each of us shares these concerns and understands those of the other," he said. "Each time members get together, they learn a little bit more."

(A landsmanshaft is a mutual benefit organization of new immigrants hailing from the same town, a popular institution in postwar Canada among East European Jews.)

In the past seven years, the Toronto PNAI chapter has grown from 12 to 150 families.

The slate of officers installed by Shecter includes: **Sam Resnick,** 1st vice-president; **Cyril Newman,** 2nd vice-president; **Minabelle Haneford,** treasurer and membership chairperson; and **Zelda Inventash,** secretary. **Bernard Rubin** and **Edith Sefton** are past presidents.

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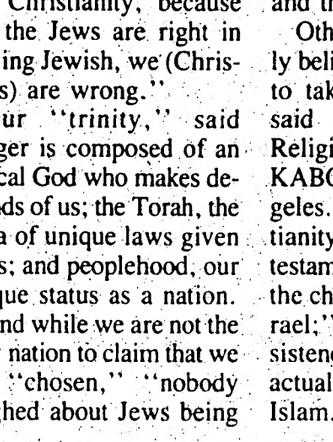

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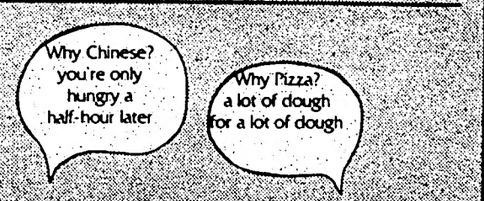

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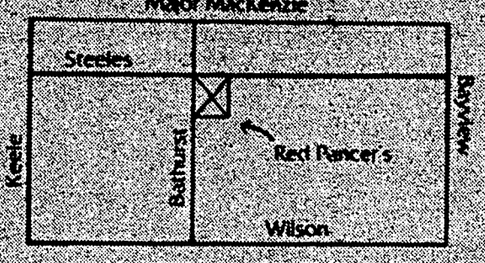

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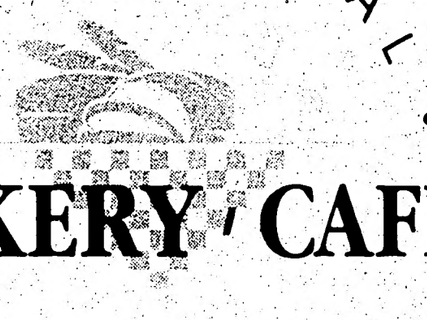

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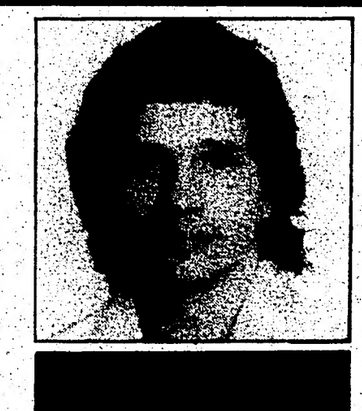

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South Africa becoming major issue in Israel

By
SAM MAINSTER

TORONTO —

Relations with South Africa are now a major subject of debate in Israel, says Naomi Chazan, senior lecturer of Political Science and African Studies at the Hebrew University.

Chazan, considered to be one of the foremost experts on Israeli-African relations, recently described the current Israeli debate on South African relations to the Holy Blossom Temple Continuing Education Committee.

"Three years ago, if you criticized Israel's relations (with South Africa) in public, you were called various names which I cannot repeat here," said Chazan. "Now people and politicians are discussing relations with South Africa."

Though Israel officially opposes apartheid, there are Israelis who support continued ties with South Africa. In her lecture, Chazan referred to these supporters as pragmatists, adding that their strongest voice comes from the Likud Party.

The pragmatists are for continuing relations for various reasons, stated Chazan, one being the protection of South African Jewry, 100,000 to 115,000 strong.

The pragmatists, said Chazan, can show that the African National Congress holds strong anti-Zionist and pro-PLO positions, and that the Democratic Front also has anti-Israel attitudes.

However, supporters for decreasing or eliminating Israeli ties with South Africa, whom Chazan described as revisionists, counter that many Afrikaners are known to be vehemently anti-semitic, and that half of the present South African government was interned during World War II for being pro-Nazi.

Another pragmatist argument, stated Chazan, was that even though apartheid is wrong, it is preferable to the violence and anarchy that could reign with its removal.

The revisionist counter-argument to this, states Chazan, was that such violence and anarchy could only be avoided by the South African government altering its present stance.

Another issue is Jewish morality, with which apartheid conflicts, stated Chazan. Revisionists, she said, point out that apartheid is philosophically akin to Nazism, and that Israel therefore has an obligation to fight it.

However, stated Chazan, the pragmatists argue that Israel's first consideration must be that its position is secure, and therefore must avoid breaking relations with any country.

One issue that both sides seem to agree on, according to Chazan's description, is that Israel gains little in its economic ties with South Africa. Presently, only .05% of Israel's exports and .75% of its imports come from South Africa, she stated.

Though pragmatists choose to simply phrase economic ties with South Africa as insignificant, stated Chazan, revisionists argue that many African countries would reinstitute diplomatic relations with Israel if not for these ties.

Pillar of Fire continues Monday

TORONTO —

Showing of the Pillar of Fire, Israel's recently dubbed documentary on the rise of modern Zionism, continues this Monday 8 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Synagogue with episodes on Chaim Weizmann's post World War I appeals for Jewish aliya and on the draining of the country's swamp infested valleys.

Speaker for this session, the second of 10, will be Albert Benabou, new Youth and Hechalutz director for Toronto.

Pillar of Fire is the most extensive documentary produced by Israel Television, according to spokesmen for the synagogue and the Canadian Zionist Federation, who are sponsoring the showing. It traces the rise of Zionism and the settlement of Israel from Theodor Herzl's days to independence in 1948.

One episode, to be screened in several weeks, is devoted entirely to the Holocaust.

The series is composed of documentary footage and newsreels, interspersed with interviews, filmed in color, with surviving participants and witnesses of those turbulent events.

Upcoming lectures will include Beth Tzedec's Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg, York University history Prof. Sally Zerker, Canada-Israel committee research director David Weinberg, York history Prof. Jacques Kornberg, CZF vice-president Julius Sokoloff, and Israel vice-consul Moshe Benzioni.

Admission is free. Refreshments will be served.

Surgeon to teach in Hong Kong

TORONTO —

Dr. Marvin Tile, Sunnybrook Medical Centre's surgeon-in-chief, a renowned orthopedic surgeon, has been named the M. B. Lee Visiting Professor in the department of orthopedic surgery at the University of Hong Kong Medical School.

The M. B. Lee Visiting Professorship was established to bring professors of international stature in orthopedic surgery to Hong Kong, and Tile's selection reflects the worldwide interest in his work.

As well as his position at Sunnybrook, Tile is also a professor of surgery at the University of Toronto, former chief of the orthopedic division at Sunnybrook, former chairman of the orthopedic section of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. He is currently president of the International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine.

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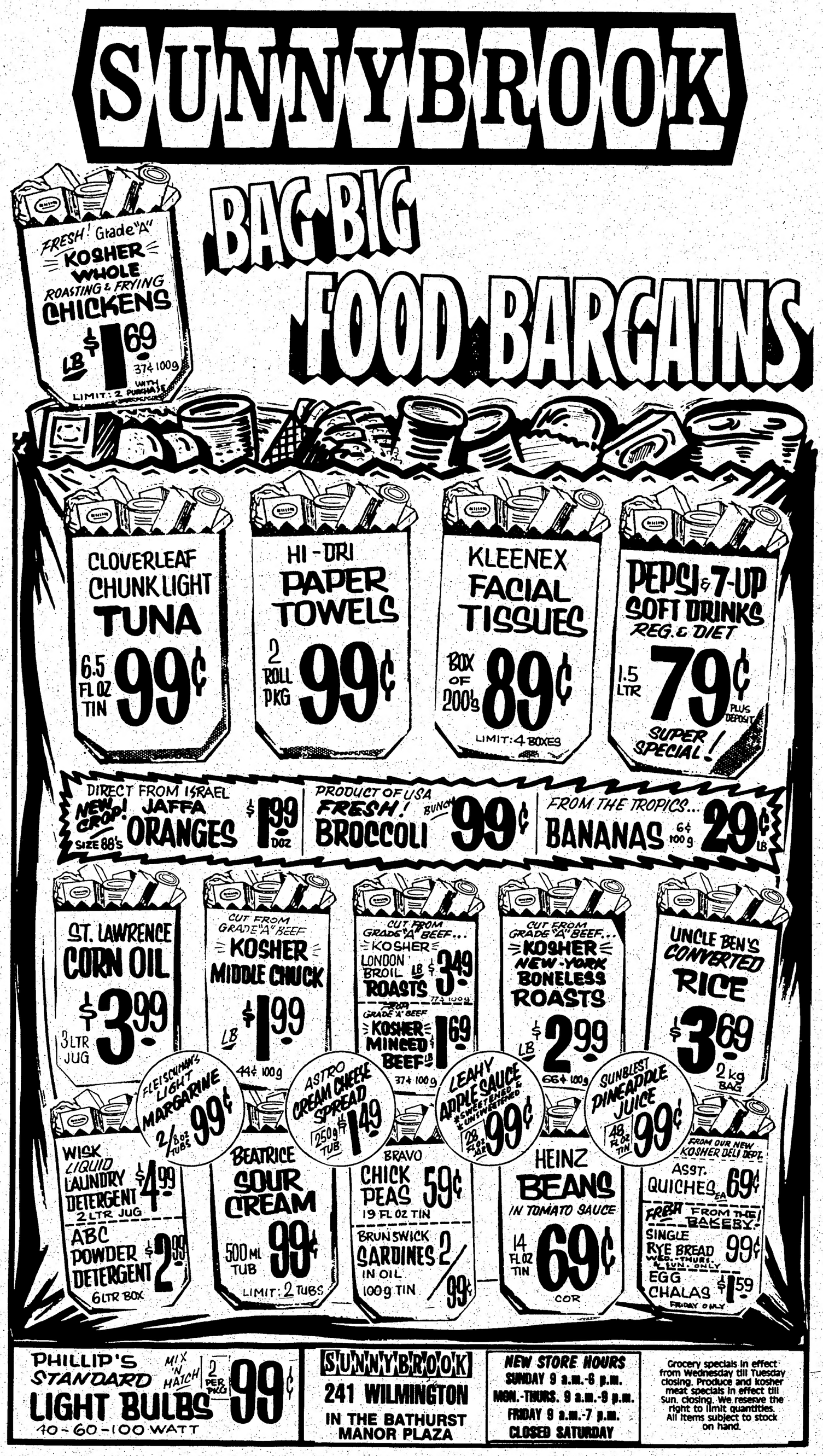
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A "wonderful experience"

Hamilton service sees 10 women bat mitzvahed

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
In the first such ceremony to be held here, 10 women recently became bat mitzvah at a Shabbat morning service at Beth Jacob Synagogue.

The youngest was 37-year old Sharon Levy, mother of two boys aged 6½ and 4½, and the oldest were two grandmothers, Rae Goldstein and Doris Laskin.

The others were Honey Berkle, Pat Dermer, Joy Foster, Rosalie Gaffe, Beverley Lasky, Fran Orson and Gwenn Sherman, most of them in their early to mid-40s and mothers of teenagers.

The suggestion for the b'not mitzvah had come from Rabbi Israel Silverman, who approached Sisterhood president Rosalie Gaffe with the idea.

Gaffe, the mother of two sons aged 22 and 20, took it up with enthusiasm. "I had always wanted to learn to read the Haftorah but I never had the nerve," she said. "I was really keen to do it."

It was not difficult to find other women, she said, and last spring they began studying together under the direction of Rabbi Silverman.

All the women spoke of the "wonderful experience" this had been for them and of the "bonding" that had occurred among them.

"We were a beautiful group of women that wanted to extend themselves," said Rae Goldstein, a part-time bookkeeper with two grandsons aged 6 and 4. "I've been going to synagogue every Shabbat for years but this has really opened up my mind to it."

Hamilton Hadassah president Beverley Lasky grew up in an Orthodox home. Bat mitzvah "was something I never had the opportunity to do," said the mother of three children aged 15, 11 and 5.

"It was a challenge," and "a very spiritual and religious experience" and older women, she suggests, seem "to get so much more out of it," said Lasky, who teaches at Beth Jacob religious school.

Honey Berkle, a piano teacher, and Fran Orson, a dental hygienist, also grew up in Orthodox homes. Both are the mothers of two teenagers.

Berkle had always "deeply wanted" a bat mitzvah and for her it was a "very meaningful experience, something I did just for me."

Orson confessed that "we never even thought about that sort of thing," but now, as a member of the Beth Jacob choir, she is used to getting up on the bimah and doesn't feel as "uptight" as the others about it.

Joy Foster's two teenage daughters had a bat mitzvah and it was something "I really wanted to learn," the former Hamilton Hadassah president who now runs a maternity wear boutique declared.

Pat Dermer, also a dental hygienist and a mother of two, joined the class "because we're bringing our children up to be liberated" and she felt it was her right, too. But Sharon Levy, a grade 7 teacher at the Hamilton Hebrew Academy, had never thought about a bat mitzvah. However, "the idea was exciting" and now she feels "I really accomplished something."

Gwenn Sherman celebrated the bat mitzvah of the third of her four children only a couple of months earlier and she wanted a bat mitzvah "to reaffirm my commitment to being a Jew."

And finally Doris Laskin, who tried to get a group together several years ago and who last year attended the bar mitzvah of the eldest of her seven grandchildren, got her wish at last.

It was an "unbelievable" experience and "very festive," reported Laskin, whose family came from as far as Boston, Peterborough and Montreal despite heavy snow.

Montrealer BB co-chairman

TORONTO —
Ted Greenfield of Montreal has recently been elected co-chairman of B'nai B'rith International Council.

Greenfield, a partner in the chartered accountancy firm of Maheu Noiseux, has been a member of BB since 1958. Since then, he has served in leadership positions at the lodge and national levels. He is a former national president and national chairman of BB's League for Human Rights.

In 1985-1986, Greenfield served on the board of governors and is currently personnel chairman. He served from 1970 to 1986 as a member of the International BB Youth Commission.

Greenfield, who is chairman of the Quebec Canada-Israel Committee and a member of the board of Council of Christians and Jews, is an executive member of Montreal's State of Israel Bonds and a member of the Combined Jewish Appeal.

His work on behalf of these two latter groups has been recognized — CJA presented him with the Golda Meir Award and Bonds gave him their Ben-Gurion Award.

The International Council, a forum with representation from 43 countries, deals with worldwide political affairs especially as they affect Jewish communities.

Winnipegger becomes 1st Canadian chosen

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
Maggie Rayter of Winnipeg has become the first Canadian appointed to the board of the B'nai B'rith Women's Children's Home and Canada Group House in Jerusalem.

The Children's Home was established after the Holocaust to house refugee children coming out of Europe. The Canada Group House was established more recently to accommodate teens who were not ready to leave the Children's Home and go out into the world.

Today, it is a home for emotionally disturbed teens, kids on drugs and victims of abuse.

"We have the highest success rate in the world in straightening these kids out," said Rayter.

A nurse by training, Rayter has long been active in the community. She was instrumental in starting Operation Stork, a prenatal community health care program at the Mount Carmel Clinic here in the early 70s for which she received the Lifestyle award from the federal department of health. She was also involved in the Tay-Sachs screening clinics held here in 1977-78.

In the general community, Rayter has served on the boards of the local Society for Crippled Children and Home Welfare.

Currently serving in her final term as vice-president of B'nai B'rith Women-Western Area, the new board member of the Children's Home and Canada Group House has been a member of BBW of Canada for 22 years with broad experience in all facets of the organization.

Volunteers sought for war veterans

TORONTO —
Holy Blossom Temple is looking for volunteers to help host 10 disabled Israeli war veterans visiting Toronto May 18-June 1.

"This is a lifetime opportunity to feel what being an Israeli soldier is all about," Beit Halochem's Shai Schechter told a recent information meeting at the synagogue. Beit Halochem, which helps rehabilitate wounded soldiers in Israel, is organizing the visit, along with the Aid to Disabled War Veterans group and the synagogue.

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New chaplain meets hurdles

TORONTO —
Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care is expected to get a new rabbi soon to replace Rabbi Abraham Greenspan who died in late 1985. However before the new chaplain takes over his duties, he will have to clear Canadian immigration hurdles.

Moshe Greengarten, administrator of resident and member services at Baycrest, said the immigration process is running its course and they hope to have the rabbi at Baycrest by Passover in April. However, he admitted it is taking longer than first expected because they initially tried to get the American rabbi landed immigrant status which usually takes about eight months to arrange.

Instead, Greengarten said, they will change their tactics and get a work permit for the rabbi.

He said Baycrest is bringing in a rabbi from the U.S. because they require someone with specialized training in pastoral care, and couldn't find one in Canada.

$15,250 grant for Midrasha

TORONTO —
The Toronto Board of Jewish Education has been awarded a $15,250 grant to support heritage language studies, Secretary of State David Crombie recently announced.

The grant will support the Midrasha L'Morim (at Toronto Jewish Teachers' Seminary) which has provided a formal stuctured program for over 30 years for teachers and those interested in becoming certified teachers at Jewish schools.

Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education, said about 15 to 16 courses are offered each year at Associated Hebrew Schools' Finch campus.

Courses are available in Hebrew in such areas as Bible, Hebrew language and literature, Mishnah, Talmud, Jewish law and thought, child psychology, Canadian Jewish history, classroom management, linguistic and cultural implications for Hebrew teachers and principals' professional development.

Weizmann trip to launch 2 chairs

TORONTO —
The Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science is planning a comprehensive mission to Israel for May 6-18 which will include a visit to the institute, tours, cultural and social activities.

The highlight of the mission will be the inauguration of two chairs at the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot — the Aser Rothstein Chair in Genetic Diseases, co-sponsored by the Dysautonomia Foundation, and the Weizmann League Chair in Children's Diseases.

In addition to the dedication ceremonies, group members will tour the institute concentrating on Canadian projects such as the Koffler Accelerator and the Canadian Institute for the Energies and Applied Research. They will meet the incumbents of the newly established chairs and participate in special seminars presented by prominent Weizmann scientists.

Other activities include meetings with members of the Knesset, breakfast with Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek and tours of military installations. Many events of cultural interest have also been arranged, such as visits and receptions at the Israel and Diaspora Museums. The group will be attending several concerts.

Special dinners have been planned and a cocktail reception hosted by the Canadian Ambassador James Bartleman is planned.

The mission is being organized by the Toronto Chapter, and tour leaders are David Dennis, Toronto Chapter president and Dr. Allan Gordon, a Toronto Chapter vice-president and chairman of the dedication committee.

Weizmann supporters and members of the community are invited to join the mission.

For further information, call 630-0360 in Toronto or 481-0466 in Montreal.

Heart & Stroke Month launched in ceremony

TORONTO —
February is Heart and Stroke Month and ceremonies were held recently to launch the annual campaign to raise funds for research and education to reduce death and disability.

Attending the ceremonies sponsored by the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario were Ontario Health Minister Murray Elston, Federal Multiculturalism Minister David Crombie, Metro Toronto Chairman Dennis Flynn, North York Mayor Mel Lastman, York mayor Alan Tonks and foundation executive members.

The ceremony also included an address by heart transplant recipient Ted Francis, from Windsor.

Some 70,000 volunteers across Ontario will conduct the annual door-to-door campaign. The provincial campaign goal for 1987 is $7.8 million. Metropolitan Toronto's goal is $2.7 million.

Among the many events scheduled are a Sweetheart Slalom at Horseshoe Valley on Feb. 14; a "Business Persons' Dinner" on Feb. 26 with Jean Chretien as guest speaker; and a Beth Sholom Synagogue Breakfast on March 1 at which Dr. Michael Sole will speak.

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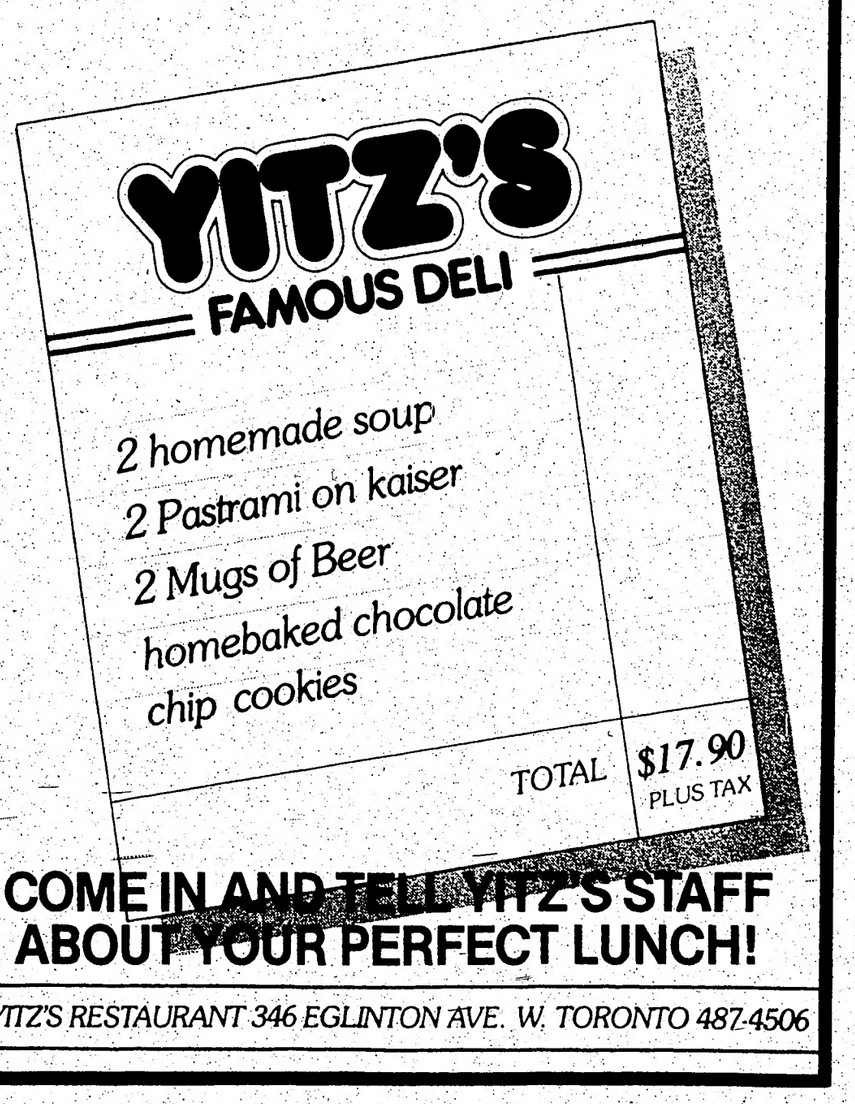

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One of the few Jewish farmers left

Farm holds fond memories for Tennenhouse

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
Frank Tennenhouse is a rarity. He's one of the last of two generations of Jewish farmers who came to the Prairies around the turn of the century to work on the land.

He was born the youngest of 11 sons and one daughter of Morris Tennenhouse, a Romanian cabinetmaker with a passion to own land and become a farmer.

The Tennenhouse family cut their teeth as farmers in the ill-fated Camper colony in Manitoba's Interlake, 100 miles north of Winnipeg, during World War I. When the colony folded, the Tennenhouses took their hard-earned experience and moved to a farm near Stony Mountain, 10 miles north of the city, in 1924.

"Our family's outstanding characteristic was our willingness to try new things," said Tennenhouse. "We tried chicken farming and raising mink, bee-keeping and a dairy operation.

"We have grown almost every crop there is and we always did our own work. Occasionally, we have hired someone to sit on a tractor, but we supplied the expertise and Sam and I still do our own seeding and harvesting."

With the current outlook, he said, "I wouldn't recommend anyone to go into farming today," said Tennenhouse. "We still seed a quarter section of our land each summer and have permits to use the elevator, but my brother, Sam, and I are in a holding operation mainly.

"We maintain the farm partly because we wouldn't be able to get a satisfactory price for it and partly for sentimental reasons. The family home is still there."

Frank Tennenhouse on his farm with two grandchildren.

Of Morris Tennenhouse's children, Frank was the only one to go to university — on his veteran's allowance in 1949 — and that led to his second career. In the mid-1950s, he was hired to teach in the University of Manitoba faculty of agriculture as a sessional lecturer. Thirty years later, he is an associate professor.

"I'm one of the three actual farmers on staff," he said, "and I am further unique in that I am the only associate professor, outside of the medical college, working on a sessional basis. That means I have the summers off to work the farm."

Tennenhouse believes the advent of the Depression was the death knell of the Jewish farming movement on the Prairies. "Jewish farmers formed such a small percentage of the farming population to begin with," he said.

"It became that much harder to maintain one's cultural identity with every family that left. Perhaps if they had lasted until modern transportation and communications systems were put into place, it would have been a different story."

His own parents stayed on their farms until they were in their 70s. Frank and his wife, Ethel, who is from the Hoffer farm colony in Saskatchewan, have always lived in Winnipeg.

The third generation of Tennenhouses in Canada numbers 30 and are scattered far and wide. None show any interest in farming. "Most visit the family farm when they are in town," said Tennenhouse.

"Of our three children, Sheila loves the farm the most. When she is in from Vancouver (Gary and Esther also live out West), she spends as much time there as possible. She is an artist and it has quite an effect on her work."

"An obligation to klal Israel"

Katz heads Winnipeg JCC

WINNIPEG —
Evelyn Katz, the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council's new president for 1987-88, comes to her position with a long background in community work and good yichus.

Katz has been active in the Jewish community all her adult life. In Montreal where she lived for a few years, she was a leader in Habonim and other teen groups and a volunteer with the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

In Winnipeg, she has taught at the Peretz School and the old Herzlia night school, has served as president of the board of Ramah School and is immediate past chairman of the Board of Jewish Education. She has been on the WJCC for eight years.

Her father was Moshe Cantor, former principal of the I. L. Peretz School and education director for Canadian Jewish Congress. "My father raised me to believe we all have an obligation to klal Israel," she said.

Katz is the first president of the WJCC under the new electoral system whereby council members are nominated and elected by a vote of the general Jewish community.

"I have a good feeling about the process. There was a large slate of candidates for the 16 positions open this year and there were a lot of votes cast."

(Council members serve 3-year terms so only one-third of the positions are open each year. The executive is still chosen by the council members.)

For the new president, the immediate priority is the long-range planning process to which the WJCC is committed. A committee has been formed under the chairmanship of past president Marjorie Blankstein to determine what services the Winnipeg Jewish community is going to need within the next 5-10 years and how to achieve them.

Evelyn Katz

The committee is looking for funding to hire a consultant to help with the process and all members and organizations within the community are being encouraged to participate. The target date for completion of the process is next December.

The communal organization is also still facing a deficit of just under $1 million owed to the United Israel Appeal, part of $3.5 million borrowed from the UIA in 1983 to bail the community out of financial difficulties. Payments are scheduled over a 10-year period.

Katz sees her role as WJCC president as developing agendas, bringing issues to council and maintaining good communications with department heads and staff. She would like to see more programming for young working people.

"I think we are holding level, but there is still a tremendous youth drain going on which may affect our future growth," she said. "The community is still shrinking and aging, but at the same time, the community is still alive, vital and involved. I am hopeful about our future."

Katz is married to Dr. Phil Katz, a child psychiatrist, and has three grown children.

N'Shei Chabad plans meet

OTTAWA —
A woman's role in the family and community will be the focus of N'Shei (Women of) Chabad's International Week of the Jewish Woman here, March 8-15.

A concert Sunday night March 8 by Israeli singer Ruthi Navon at the Embassy West Hotel launches a week of activities organized by the Lubavitcher chassidic movement, noted for its outreach programs to the Jewish community.

Included is a lecture-workshop Wednesday, March 11 on child care and affection, by New York psychologist and columnist Rebbetzin Ruth Shaingarten. This will be hosted by Dr. and Mrs. A. Aberback at 8 p.m.

Navon, who recently moved to the U.S., specializes in concerts for women. She sings in French, Italian, Spanish, as well as English and Hebrew.

For further information, contact Ruth Mendell (613) 828-1525, Jennie Claman 729-7387, Gittel Sheffield 521-1875, Chaya Leah Berger 722-5029, or Devora Caytak 729-9256.

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Capital fund not being utilized by Jews

Assistance service launches outreach program

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

What would you do if you had money to give away to those in need, but no one knew you existed?

That's the situation Toronto Jewish Assistance Services, the city's second oldest Jewish organization, finds itself in today.

"We're one of the best kept secrets in the community," TJAS executive director Dvorah Danziger said. "We have a very large capital fund that is not being utilized by Jews in need. We know that 15,000 Jews in Toronto are under the poverty line and we know that thousands of others due to unfortunate circumstances are in need of short-term loans."

Established in 1924 as the Hebrew Free Loan Society, it merged with Loan Cassa and the Scholarship-in-Aid program 1½ years ago to form Toronto Jewish Assistance Services.

The agency provides interest-free loans to those who have a demonstrated need. It lends up to $2,000 for personal needs, up to $5,000 for business purposes and up to $2,500 for educational loans. All loans are payable over a period of 2-2½ years and all applicants must have guarantors.

In order to let the Jewish community know more about the agency, Danziger said TJAS is organizing an outreach program which includes a newsletter and a program set for Feb. 28.

Danziger said letters have been sent to rabbis in Toronto asking them to speak on the agency's role in providing interest-free loans to Jews in need on Shabbat Mishpatim Feb. 28.

Danziger said that one reason TJAS is not as well know as other Jewish agencies is because it insists on client confidentiality. However it has still managed to help some people, she pointed out.

In 1986, TJAS saw about 600 clients and loaned over $500,000 to half of them. The other 300 clients received counseling and referral or were not good risks.

"We treat everybody who comes in as a person in need," Danziger said.

While the agency originally catered primarily to immigrants coming to Canada, Danziger said it is now open to the entire Jewish community. She said they are now getting a lot of "immigrants" to Ontario from other parts of Canada who need help. In the past, she said TJAS's loans have gone to:

- A 67-year-old Russian Jewish woman who required a business loan to start a day care centre at home.
- **A wife who required a business loan to buy a sewing machine to make dresses to supplement the family income.**
- **A recently arrived Russian immigrant who needed an education loan to attend university so she could practice law in Canada.**
- South African immigrants who required a personal loan because they couldn't get their money out of the country.
- A piano tuner who had a plan to buy old pianos, restore them and sell them at a profit.
- A battered wife who couldn't go to her family and didn't want the bank to run a credit check on her as she feared her husband would find her.

"There are a lot of desperate people out there and we don't know how to reach them," Danziger said.

For more information on TJAS write 4600 Bathurst St. Willowdale, M2R 3V3 or phone 635-1217.

JF&CS divorce program helps "pick up pieces"

TORONTO —

At one time most children could count on growing up in a 2-parent family. However with divorce and separation running rampant in today's society, 40% of all children can count on living in single-parent homes by the time they are 18.

To help Jewish children adjust to a breakdown in their parents' marriage, Jewish Family & Child Service has instituted a program called Picking Up The Pieces.

The program began in January of last year and runs for 6 consecutive weeks. Last year, it serviced 28 families with 46 children in the three series of sessions offered. In 80% of the cases, both parents participated. The next session will commence May 4.

"It's a short term normalization program designed to help families move on," said program coordinator Gabor Gellert.

Parents participating in the program are placed in groups and meet weekly for 2-2½ hours in the evening. Gellert said there is a deliberate "mixing and matching" to ensure each group has men and women, custodial and non-custodial parents.

In the group parents are helped to understand the impact of separation on their children, share common experiences and concerns and find more successful ways to help their children adjust to the transition.

"It is important parents stop treating their child as a go-between," Gellert explained.

Children are grouped according to their age and meet weekly after school for 1½ hours. They are taught coping strategies and are exposed to role playing. In both parents' and children's groups sessions are centred around themes and films are used as "triggers" for discussions.

In addition to the weekly sessions, families are involved in interviews at the beginning and end of the program to first determine their goals and later to review the program's effectiveness.

Gellert said the program was started in response to a need from the Jewish community and, from parents' evaluations, has been successful. He said the evaluations show parents have accomplished their goals and their children are calmer and more accepting of the situation.

"It helps break barriers between parents and children," Gellert said.

He said that when a marriage breaks down, children are left feeling vulnerable and abandoned and often internalize the blame for their parents' problems. The child-focused program helps to overcome this, he said.

For further information call Gabor Gellert at 498-5223. — J.R.

TAU student program said major success

By
WENDY ROSEN

Randi Elkind

TORONTO —

Tel Aviv University's overseas student program is becoming a resounding success.

Col. Jaacov Erez and Janet Witkin, national executive director and director of student affairs of the Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University, respectively, said that 48 Canadians entered the program during 1986-1987 year.

Witkin said that this figure, which includes summer, semester and 1-year students, is more than 2½ times the previous all-time high of 18.

She stressed that the program, of particular interest to those interested in Jewish and Middle Eastern studies, caters to students who want to study for a short-term at a major university in Israel. With a full-time enrolment of 27,000, the university is located in the most densely populated area of Israel that's in the heart of the industrial area.

Although students take an intensive Hebrew course, all subjects for this program are taught in English.

The program, which has special events planned for weekends, attracts about 350 Canadians and Americans and has just opened up to about 50 South Africans and South Americans. Of that number, about 5% will stay and transfer into a regular program.

Although costs will fluctuate, Witkin said the average cost for a year's study including flight, food, dorm and tuition is $8,000. A financial assistance program for those with academic merit is available to help with expenses.

She noted that many of the returning Canadian students go out of their way to promote the overseas program.

For instance, Randi Elkind, recently wrote the Friends a letter explaining why she, who had just finished her third year at the University of Toronto, went to Israel.

She wrote: "As a political science specialist with an interest in Middle Eastern politics, Tel Aviv University in Ramat Aviv was a natural choice. The university offers stimulating, interesting courses in my field of interest.....

"The planned activities, the dorm life, the new friends and the opportunity to live in a vibrant and exciting city where there was always something to do, made the experience unforgettable and highly recommended to all.

"All the credits I received were transferable to U of T where I am finishing my last year. The memories I've gained from my semester overseas have been irreplaceable and inspire me to return to Israel."

Benefit evening for Shaareh Haim

TORONTO —

An evening of film, food and dance will be held at McDonald's Place, Sat., Feb. 21, marking the start of Shaareh Haim Synagogue's fund raising campaign to construct a new building in Richmond Hill.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served from 7:30 p.m. A Canadian movie — title not known at press time — will be shown at 9, followed by light snacks and dancing.

A private screening room, on the Ray Kroc floor, will be used for the movie; seating is limited.

"It will be a lovely evening," one of the organizers, Karen Miller, told The Canadian Jewish News. "The view of the city from there is breathtaking."

Tickets are $100 per person, tax deductible. To order, phone Ruth Silber 889-6611, or Miller 773-6135.

McDonald's Place is in the Don Mills-Wynford Dr. area.

Special service marks 100th year

TORONTO —

Beth Tzedec Congregation will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its parent synagogue with a special Shabbat Shira service on Feb. 14.

Liturgical music composed by cantors, the choir director and choristers at Beth Tzedec and its founding congregations, Goel Tzedec and McCaul Street Synagogue, will be featured.

Original compositions by Cantors Bernard Wladowsky, Akiva Bernstein, Joseph Cooper and Paul Kowarsky; as well as by Gordon Kushner and Daniel Drutz will be chanted.

Rabbi J. Benjamin Friedberg, together with Cantors Kowarsky, Cooper and Morris Soberman, will conduct the services. The Choir and Choral Group will be under the direction of Gordon Kushner.

Museum exhibits Remnants

TORONTO —

The renowned photographic exhibition, Remnants: The Last Jews of Poland, will be on display at the Beth Tzedec Museum from April 30 to May 30.

The photographs are the work of leading Polish photographer Tomasz Tomaszewski. His journalist wife, Malgorzata Niezabitowska, traveled with him through Poland for five years interviewing the subjects of the photographs.

Their collaboration resulted in the book Remnants.

The Canadian Jewish News of Jan. 22 told of a Montreal woman who was able to regain contact with her cousin in Poland after recognizing her in a photo on the book's cover.

"Perhaps seeing the complete collection will bring together other lost relatives," said Evelyn Wolfe, a spokesperson for the museum.

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A chance to share fears and experiences

Hospital forms support group to help parents

By
SHEILA DROPKIN

TORONTO —

Thanks to the insight and interest of staff members in the cardiology department at the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children, parents of children with serious heart ailments no longer have to feel alone and isolated.

Three years ago, the cardiac clinic nurse, the clinical nurse specialist and the social worker for the department realized that parents needed more than the ad hoc weekly coffee hour at the hospital which had no specific format and little consistency.

Overwhelmed by the more than 30% favorable response to a questionnaire sent to parents about the need for a support group, they formed the Children's Heart Association for Support and Education (CHASE), which now has 140 family members with people on the mailing list from as far as Ottawa.

The cardiology ward at Sick Kids' is usually full — an empty bed is a rarity — with many of the children from out of the city. Newborns have a one in 100 chance of being born with some type of heart defect, some far more serious and complicated than others.

Sherry Rosen, the newly installed chairman of CHASE, and her husband Len are the parents of 2½-year-old Jackie, who was born with major cardiac complications, which will require at least three major operations as she gets older and, hopefully, stronger.

Recalling her own feelings when Jackie was born, Mrs. Rosen remembers "the elation of the birth and the devastation of the defect." Jackie has four complex defects and spent most of the first year of her life in the hospital, "on the brink."

Sherry, Len and Jackie Rosen

Her lungs are in poor shape and she's had several bouts of pneumonia, a not unusual complication with such children. Although the doctors at Sick Kids' have seen only four cases like hers in the past six years, Jackie shares the problems of slow growth and poorly developed gross motor skills that most children with heart defects suffer.

She weighed only 9 pounds when she was 6 months old and her mom confesses that the first year was a "living hell."

But the child, who didn't crawl until she was 15 months old, is now walking and up to being into mischief on occasion. She is quite verbal and advanced in her understanding of numbers.

CHASE provides the parents with an opportunity to share their fears and experiences with others in the same situation, and to become more fully educated regarding cardiac problems through the participation of the hospital staff.

Initially, some parents were uncomfortable with the organization operating solely as a support group. The move to include educational speakers at most meetings was a positive step for them and led to increased membership and attendance at meetings.

"Children with heart disease will have heart disease for the rest of their lives," Mrs. Rosen states. "The doctors operate on them to improve their lives but they are never cured. We lose a few, but most come through.

"You have to live each day as it comes, and give your child all you can while you can. You can't worry about the future or you won't make it."

A former piano teacher, she has relinquished her profession to be a full-time mother. Len Rosen, marketing director for a consulting firm, is also very involved in CHASE.

Mrs. Rosen credits her predecessor, Pat Kerim, with building a "very strong foundation" for the organization and Dr. Richard Rowe, former head of cardiology at Sick Kids', for his support. They are now bringing the new department head, Dr. Robert Freedom, into the fold.

"As supportive and understanding as your family and old friends are," Mrs. Rosen continues, "no one can really understand what you're going through like other parents in the same boat. The friendships we've all developed are so important. We know we're never alone."

Among the group's future plans is the development of an organized one-on-one situation so that each set of parents will have a "partner" within the organization on whom to call at times of crisis.

The Rosens received calls from four distressed parents during the Christmas holidays, who had nowhere else to turn. They also hope to enlist the support of Italian and Chinese-speaking members who can communicate with those who have limited knowledge of English. It is believed that many more ethnic parents would join if they could find someone who speaks their language.

When the Savir family arrived from Israel for their little son's heart surgery (CJN Jan. 15) they were comforted to have the support of some members who speak Hebrew, even though they speak English. They were so impressed with CHASE that they hope to start a similar group in Jerusalem.

One of the highlights of the group's activities is the annual picnic, at which all the members and their children enjoy a day of fun and games. It also gives the participants an opportunity to meet the teenagers who are "making it" despite their affliction.

CHASE has monthly meetings at the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children. There are no membership dues or other fees. All of their expenses for printing and postage are provided by the hospital. For membership information, call the Family Information Centre at the hospital, 598-5819.

CBC helps hearing impaired

TORONTO —

The CBC English networks have installed a new service to provide the hearing impaired with information about programming.

Nicknamed the "visual ear," the TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf) enables hearing impaired people to use a teleprinter using regular telephone lines.

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Court dismisses charges

Sephardi congregation wins synagogue case

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —
A charge against a Sephardi congregation of illegally operating a synagogue in a residential zone of Cote St. Luc has been dismissed by Municipal Court.

Judge Alfred Segall ruled that, because the city's director of property inspection evidently did not serve notice in writing to the owner of the building to stop contravening the zoning bylaw, there is no proof that the bylaw had been infringed.

The City of Cote St. Luc has 30 days to decide if it will appeal. The city's lawyers were studying the judgment and the council was expected to make a decision on an appeal at its meeting this past Monday.

Armand Moyal, the registered owner of the house at 6501 Baily Rd. used by the congregation known as the Groupement Sepharade de Cote St. Luc, was charged Dec. 7, 1985 with violating Cote St. Luc's Bylaw 1150. The city accused Moyal of establishing a synagogue in a residential building in a zone restricted to residential use. A synagogue is classified as an institution.

In his written judgment, Segall noted that this bylaw states that infringement occurs when there is a "failure to comply with the notice of the director of property inspection..." and only then is the contravening party subject to the penalties set forth in the bylaw.

Although Segall did not rule on whether a synagogue was actually being operated, he did comment that, "based on the evidence submitted, (the court) would have been unable to conclude beyond a reasonable doubt that the contravention had been committed."

Testimony given by two Cote St. Luc building inspectors at the trial last November on their visit to the Baily Rd. house Saturday morning, Dec. 7, 1985 was "not sufficient evidence to conclude that the accused 'had established a synagogue in a residential building of which he was the registered owner.'"

One of the inspectors, Pierre Bolduc, testified that he and Jean St. Jacques, the other inspector, spent about half an hour at the house, described as a detached, single-family bungalow. They witnessed someone leading a service attended by 13 men in prayer shawls and skull caps, and three women behind a partition. They also observed Hebrew prayer books and an Ark in the room.

Bolduc asked a man present whether this was a synagogue and the latter replied in the affirmative, according to testimony. The question was posed before the inspectors identified themselves as working for the city.

Bolduc originally stated he believed the man was the accused, Moyal, but St. Jacques testified it was Armand Amar. Under cross-examination, Bolduc finally stated that possibly it was Amar.

(Amar was identified earlier in the trial as having represented the Groupement Sepharade together with Moyal at the time the purchase of the house was notarized on July 4, 1985.)

Segall said this alleged admission that the premises was a synagogue was inadmissible to the court because it was not made by the accused, who was not even present at the time of inspectors' visit.

The fact that the inspectors asked if the house was a synagogue, Segall said, confirms there was "doubt in their minds" about what they saw. The judge also indicated that a conclusion could not be reached from the observations of the inspectors' sole 30-minute visit to the house.

Another fault in the city's case cited by Segall was the lack of explanation for its issuing a building permit to the Groupement Sepharade without determining what it intended to use the house for. On Sept. 13, 1985, the city issued a building permit allowing the house's interior walls to be demolished and its staircase relocated. On Oct. 22, St. Jacques inspected the completed work and found everything in order.

Segall noted that the zoning bylaw states that "No building shall be erected, extended, reconstructed or structurally altered or maintained, nor shall any structure or land be used or occupied for any purpose other than is permitted in the class (type of zone) applicable thereto."

And later in the bylaw, it is stipulated, "No building permit shall be issued unless and until the provisions of this bylaw are complied with."

Segall states that "if the city authorized and issued a permit for the demolition of the interior walls and thereby removed the bedrooms, the question which remains unanswered is what conceivable purpose remained for the building. Perhaps this will be determined in the future."

Among the legal arguments submitted by the defence, was that the zoning bylaw may infringe on the freedom of religious worship as set out in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. However, Segall did not find it necessary to rule on this question.

Winnipeg doctor on top 50 list

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
Dr. Percy Barsky is in rarefied company.

Barsky was recently selected by Canadian Doctor Magazine as one of the 50 outstanding Canadian physicians of the last 50 years, alongside such illustrious names as Banting, Bethune and Penfield. Although he feels honored by the recognition, he says he doesn't know why he was chosen.

The answer is found in the Winnipeg pediatrician's long list of accomplishments during a 40-year career and further honors are on the way.

The Canadian Friends of the Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem has chosen Barsky as the recipient of the hospital's Humanitarian Award to be presented at a dinner on April 8 at Winnipeg's Rosh Pina Synagogue.

Barsky was born 60-odd years ago in Winnipeg. A bout with polio when he was 20 set back his medical career for a time but he graduated in 1947. After a 3-year stint as a general practitioner in rural Saskatchewan, he set up shop in Winnipeg as a pediatrician.

"I've always been interested in public health," he said. "Polio was, naturally, my first interest and I spent 2½ years treating polio cases before the Salk vaccine was introduced."

During his career, Barsky has played a key role in bringing about changes in many areas of public health. He organized Canada's first poison control centre here in 1949. Through a lobbying campaign based on articles and briefs, he got vitamin D introduced into milk.

He was also responsible for having adrenalin and mist-o-metres pulled off drug store shelves because of their potential danger to the public and he introduced live measles vaccine into the province.

For all that, the accomplishment he is most proud of pre-dates his medical career. He was one of a small number of people who successfully challenged the University of Manitoba Medical College's discriminatory policies restricting the number of Jewish students allowed each year.

"I was one of a group of Zionist students in 1946 when I was stricken with polio," he said. "Our leader was a man named Shlomo Ben Adom (formerly Mitchell), a university maths teacher. We became close friends and he came often to visit me in hospital.

"One day, he asked me about the restrictions at the Medical College. He was quite disturbed by them and devised a plan to change them."

Ben Adom was a statistician. Once Barsky recovered, the two of them went to work collecting the records of all the students from 1920 to 1940 who had applied to enter medicine. They gathered 2,000 names, broke them down into their ethnic origins, found those who had failed and polled 200 of them concerning their marks.

They prepared a brief which found its way into the hands of Morris Gray, a Jewish member of the

Dr. Percy Barsky

Manitoba legislature. A non-partisan legislative committee was struck which concluded the university was discriminating against Jews and others. The result was that the province's University Act was changed.

"It was a cornerstone of liberty in the province," said Barsky. "Today, there is a Jewish dean of the medical college and up to 30 students a year are Jewish, thanks to Ben Adom.

"However, the affair cost him his job. Staff were not allowed to involve themselves in student affairs. He took the first boat to Israel in 1948 and is still there."

Barsky's goal as far as the Shaare Zedek Award is concerned is to use the occasion to raise seed money for an ongoing Home Care program at the Israeli hospital. In the winter of 1988, he is planning on leading a medical team to Israel to set up the department.

The father of two is currently a professor of pediatrics at the University's Faculty of Medicine, medical director of the Children's Home Care Department at the Children's Centre and maintains a private practice in Garden City. He eventually hopes to find time for a book on his experiences.

NCJW gets $1.6 million for building expansion

TORONTO —
The National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section, has received a grant of $1.6 million from the Ontario government to renovate and expand its Council House on Bathurst St.

The grant was announced by Citizenship and Culture Minister Lily Munro "in recognition of NCJW's leadership in responding to communal needs through its innovative services."

An upsurge in membership has created a need for an enlarged building. The organization is now composed of 37 branches of vital and involved women of all ages from the Metro Toronto area and beyond.

Work on Council House will begin immediately so that the facility can be enlarged, renovated, retrofitted, equipped with an elevator and amenities that will make it more accessible for all including the disabled.

Ontario Citizenship and Culture Minister Lily Munro (centre), is seen with Nita Goldband, president of the NCJW, Toronto Section, (left), and Patti Starr, president of the NCJW, Toronto Section Foundation.

Campaign off to good start

TORONTO —
North York's fund raising campaign on behalf of the 1987 Ontario Games for the Physically Disabled is well under way, an assembly of artists and businessmen was told last week. An art lottery was a feature of the gathering.

The March 5 Going for Gold gala fund raising dinner, organized by North York Mayor Mel Lastman and his wife Marilyn, was sold out after three days, said George Cohon. About 1,200 tickets were sold at $300 each, he said. Keynote speaker will be Joseph P. Kennedy II.

Cohon, president of MacDonald's Restaurants of Canada Ltd., was one of six business executives who each claimed by lottery one of six specially commissioned paintings celebrating the upcoming games. He also represented the Lastmans at the lottery, who were absent because of the death of Lastman's father.

The paintings were purchased by the businessman's firms earlier, and will hang in their corporate head offices.
offices.

The games will take place July 17-19 at North York Civic Stadium and the nearby Douglas Snow Aquatic Centre.

The lottery was held at Toronto's Sheraton Centre, also the site of the dinner. Artists and executives mingled briefly over muffins and coffee prior to the draw, then coalesced into one group of gray and navy business suits and another of sweaters, slacks, and a plaid shirt.

Through the draw, conducted by a representative of Coopers and Lybrand Chartered Accountants:

- Philip Reichmann, of Olympia and York Developments, was assigned a work by Heather Cooper.
- Neville Kirchmann, president of Coca-Cola Ltd., received Charles Pachter's work.
- Cohon was assigned Christine Bunn's painting.

The representatives of North American Life Assurance, Bramalea Ltd., and Xerox Canada Ltd. were assigned, respectively, the works of John Gould, Ken Danby, and Louis de Niverville.

Cohon described the upcoming dinner as "a Marilyn Lastman production . . . an extravaganza of light, color and sound." It will include: a 15-foot balloon with several musicians playing out of its gondola, a 40-piece symphony, a band, and a choir.

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The Ministry of Housing announces the Rent Review Guideline for 1987.

The Rent Review Guideline for 1987 has been calculated at 5.0 per cent. This is the amount by which a landlord can increase the maximum rent for a unit during 1987 *without* approval from the Ministry of Housing.

In passing the Residential Rent Regulation Act, 1986, the Ontario Government has created a new system of rent review for the Province of Ontario to increase protection for tenants and to encourage the construction of new rental housing.

One of the important features of this new legislation is a Rent Review Guideline that reflects changes in inflation and promotes proper building maintenance for tenants.

The major features of the Residential Rent Regulation Act are:

- The extension of rent review to cover all private rental units in Ontario.
- The creation of a streamlined rent review process, designed to be accessible, quicker and ensure consistency.
- The establishment of a flexible Rent Review Guideline, adjusted annually to reflect changes in inflation and other economic factors.
- The creation of an Ontario-wide *Rent Registry* to record the maximum legal rent for every rental unit in the province.
- A *Residential Rental Standards Board* to ensure the proper maintenance of all rental properties in Ontario.

The Guideline has changed.

Until now, the Guideline has been a fixed amount that did not change with economic conditions.

The new Rent Review Guideline will be adjusted annually. It will be calculated using the most up-to-date components of the Consumer Price Index and other economic indicators. And it will apply to all rental units in the province.

How the new Rent Review Guideline is calculated.

- The formula used to calculate the 5.2 per cent Guideline for 1987 is based on changes in the cost of maintaining a typical well-run rental building.
- The new Guideline calculates the average change in costs over the preceding three-year period.
- Tenants receive greater protection in times of high inflation.
- Landlords have sufficient funds for good building maintenance. A new *Residential Rental Standards Board* will help ensure proper maintenance of rental units throughout Ontario, and failure to meet these standards may result in either suspension or forfeiture of rent increases.

Tenants can apply for a review of rent increases that are at or below the Guideline.

Tenants who wish to challenge a 5.2 per cent Guideline increase may apply to the Ministry of Housing for rent review on such grounds as changes in the standard of maintenance and repairs.

Landlords are required to justify a rent increase greater than the Guideline.

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The Guideline will be announced by August 31 each year.

In future, the Ministry of Housing will announce the Guideline by August 31 for the upcoming year.

Some landlords have already served their tenants with notices of a rent increase due early in 1987.

Tenants in buildings constructed after 1975 are protected for the first time.

These are tenants whose units are being brought under rent review by this Act.

- Landlords who have charged tenants more than the Guideline since August 1, 1985, will be given a 60-day period early in 1987 to justify these increases.
- Landlords not applying to rent review within the 60-day period must rebate excess rents to tenants.
- For the present, tenants should pay the amount requested in the notice from their landlord until the matter is resolved by rent review.
- *Under no circumstances should tenants make immediate deductions from their rent cheques.*

Only one rent increase allowed annually.

- Landlords must give tenants at least 90 days written notice of a rent increase.
- The rent for a unit can be increased only once in a 12-month period.

Tenants in buildings constructed before 1976 continue to be protected.

These are tenants whose units were under rent review prior to the passage of the new Act and whose units continue to be under rent review.

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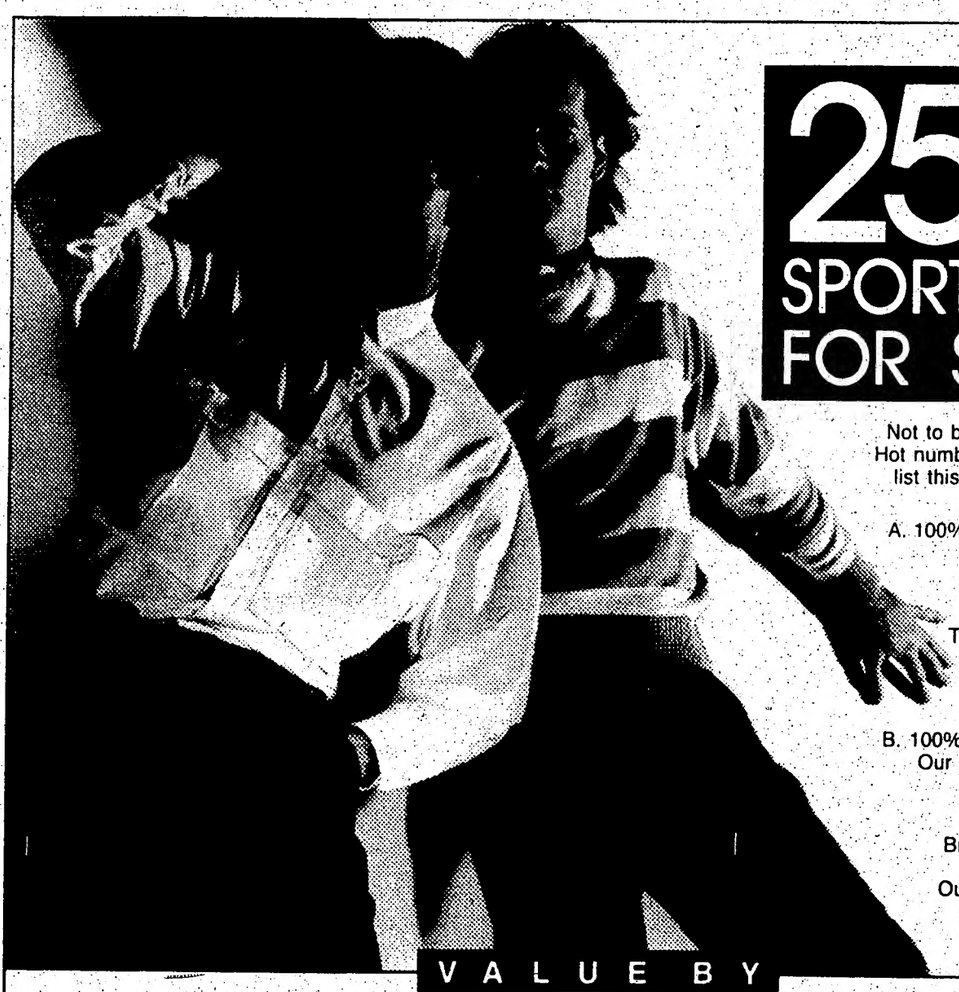
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Little Women offers solution to kids' fashion

By LORI SMITH

All girls go through an in-between stage in their lives. It's the span of years during which they are neither a child or a young woman, and it comes complete with its own particular set of small and large problems.

More often than not, this set of problems includes the question of clothes. Children's styles are too young-looking but ladieswear is often too mature and just not quite appropriate.

Fortunately, Angela Sciortino's Little Women stores, 333 Eglinton Ave. W. and 2070 Avenue Rd., offer a solution to this fashion dilemma.

Sciortino explains that while she carries clothes for children 6 and 7 years old up to the teen years, she specializes in pre-teen designs for girls in the 11 to 15 year-old range.

"I import from Spain, Portugal, France and the United States and I get a lot of the same stock that is available at Bloomingdale's, Sak's Fifth Avenue and the other major department stores in the States."

She says that the States are one of the few sources of pre-teen fashions, and she believes that her stores are the only ones in Toronto to carry those special American in-between sizes.

The pre-teen designs are sized from 10 to 14 and feature different proportions than juniors and ladies' clothing.

"When a girl is 5'1" and weighs 100 pounds her proportions are different. In the in-between sizes the body isn't as long as it is in ladies' and juniors. And the styling isn't really sophisticated, but it's not young and childlike."

In addition, Sciortino offers girl's clothes in the children's 7 to 14 range; a junior program in sizes small, medium and large and 3 through 13, and French sizes 7 to 20 — 16 to 20 being the pre-teen range.

She says that she finds that children and young people today are very aware of what's in fashion. They know exactly what they want and have a taste for style. They're educated customers.

The clothes available to them are heavily influenced by trends in adult clothing. Often the designs for girls are like miniature versions of the latest in ladieswear.

This spring, Little Women is featuring a lot of peaches, mints and other pastel colors. Polka dots, stripes and denims are also important and the inverted triangle silhouette continues to dominate with oversized tops capping narrower bottoms.

For cruisewear, jam shorts, T-shirts and skirts of various lengths and volumes are available, often in 100% cottons.

This year denim and chambray are back with a vengeance. Sciortino is offering jean dresses, skirts, dropped waist dresses, and garments with brass buttons, silver appliques and/or beading.

It's a functional, popular fabric dressed up as it was in designs for the season by such fashion luminaries as Karl Lagerfeld, Fendi, Yves St. Laurent and Sonia Rykiel.

Dressier styles for formal day and evening functions such as weddings, graduations, bar mitzvahs and bat mitzvahs include polka dot taffeta dresses and a number of 1920s flapper-inspired looks in polyester silks with dropped waists, softly gored skirts and big bows at the side. Sophisticated yet pretty clothes.

Some of the season's newest trends are also available. Sleeveless, mock turtlenecks, tank tops and capri pants are just a few.

One of the store's more innovative lines is a cotton group out of Paris that features jumpsuits, pants, skirts and T-shirts in emerald, orange and yellow with white polka dots.

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Gerofsky turns his bridal show into a major event

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
It is late January, the big show is over and Wilf Gerofsky has time to talk about what has become an annual institution here, the Leeds Bridal Show.

Held the second week of January, it started 18 years ago as a bridal fashion show at the Holiday Inn.

Last month's show was a full blown 2-day consumer show at the Hamilton Convention Centre, with almost 100 exhibitors, free draws, prizes and giveaways and professionally-staged fashion show featuring choreographed dance numbers, elaborate costumes, novelty turns and humor.

"It's all very original," beams Gerofsky with typical showman's pride.

In stark contrast to the lavish show, his offices above the King Street E. store is a tiny cubby hole reached via a perilous ship's ladder. A desk, a couple of chairs, a filing cabinet are all Gerofsky needs to direct the areas largest and most extravagant bridal and fashion show.

For a man who once harbored journalistic ambitions — years ago he was eidtor of the local Council of Jewish Organizations News — obeying his parents' wishes to take over their business proved to be "not such a bad choice" in the end.

His parents were the late Harry and Sarah Gerofsky, once a considerable force in the Jewish community here and expecially in Temple Anshe Sholom.

In the 1920s they built up a small chain of half-a-dozen millinery stores in the Hamilton-Kitchener-St. Catharines area, but the advent of the beehive hairdo in the 60s put hats out of fashion and caused its demise.

Meanwhile, Wilf and his brother Richard, a former industrial designer with Chrysler, were building up Leeds' Fashions, the family's general ladies wear store.

However, it was the small downstairs bridal department that kept growing until it eventually changed the store's image.

Now it's bridal wear only on the main floor while downstairs there are dresses for the mother-of-the-bride and guests, going-away clothes and resort and beach wear for the honeymoon, as well as a workroom where seramstresses and a designer prepare custom designs.

The annual show features everything from jewelers' displays of wedding bands to wedding cakes and caterers' samples, hairstyling and make-up, travel agents, photographers, florists, stationers and wedding chapels — in short, it's "a supermarket for the bride."

The fashion show is coordinated by bridal department manager Brenda Phillips, dance scenes are choreographed by Lorraine Bedini, owner of a Burlington dance studio, and throughout, the commentator has been Gerofsky's wife Molly, a former principal of the Temple Religious school and now a special education teacher.

Planning begins in September "and ech year we try to have something different." This year's show, for instance, included a Fred Astaire — Ginger Rogers dance number.

"We also do a lot of counseling," says Gerofsky. "By now we're experts in our field and people come to us with many questions."

His most important advice is "give yourself lots of time. The more time you have, the less hectic it is!"

And with all that, he confesses with a rueful grin, none of his own three children, who range from their mid-20s to just over 30, has so far decided on a wedding.

The two eldest are in Toronto, Susan a post-production assistant with Atlantic Films and David a lawyer, while Linda is a freelance journalist currently traveling in the far east.

Opening scene of the Leeds Bridal Show — a stylizied, 18th century bridal fantasy featuring authentic wigs and masks and performed to the music of Grieg's Wedding Day at Troldhaugen. (T.J. Richer photo)

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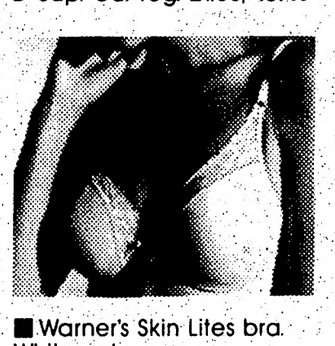

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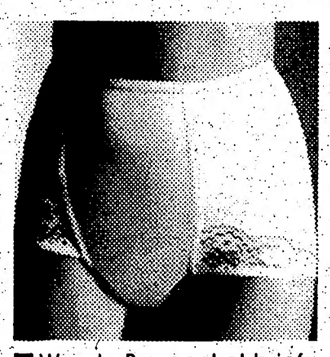

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Arts

Eric Peterson is a menacing villain as the hunchback king playing opposite Patricia Collins as Queen Elizabeth in Richard III at Young People's Theatre.

Richard III stripped of redeeming qualities

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Eric Peterson's version of *Richard III* is a Richard III without tears.

His 1-dimensional portrayal of Shakespeare's "poisonous hunchback'd toad" (playing until March 1 at the Young People's Theatre, 165 Front St. E., 363-5131) is not apt to make you weep.

It's melodrama rather than tragedy, caricature rather than characterization.

Peterson, who deservedly won Canadian awards for his brilliant acting in Double Bass and Billy Bishop Goes To War, has here elected to transform the 15th-century hunchback into a modern, Machiavellian, thoroughly black-hearted villain with no redeeming qualities.

There is no pathos or poignancy in his depiction of this self-hating, power-obsessed schemer so malignantly contorted from birth.

Peterson makes him evil carnate, with a fiendish cackle, a malevolent leer, a gimpy limp, the sort of spidery monster that audiences love to hiss and boo.

Peterson is not entirely to blame for making him an all-warts-and-no virtues villain. After all, in the play's opening speech, Richard's famous soliloquy beginning "Now is the winter of our discontent," Shakespeare has him confide to the audience, "I am determined to prove a villain."

But what is unforgiveable is that Peterson has stripped the character of all nuances and robbed Richard's speeches of their poetry.

As depicted by Laurence Olivier in his 1956 film version — and even by Alan Bates at the Stratford Festival in 1967 — Richard was a "silken, saturnine and subtle" man and his majestic command of language made him understandably a magnetic personality.

But Peterson has played him for cheap laughs, so extreme he is a comic butt, and a lightweight who speaks almost colloquial English. He lacks the intense, demonic force that can make convincing the celebrated funeral seduction scene in the first act.

It is, of course, the grotesque scene in which the beautiful Lady Anne, over the coffin of her husband who has been stabbed to death by Richard, spits in the face of the hunchback and calls him "thou lump of foul deformity!"

Yet before the scene is over, Richard is such a nimble-tongued wooer that he audaciously convinces her that he killed her husband out of love for her beauty and persuades her to accept a wedding ring.

It takes a Shakespearean actor of immense vocal power to pull off this impossible courtship, and Peterson fails to do so.

Yet, in fairness, it must be said that Peterson — possibly in collaboration with director Peter Moss — has introduced some ingenious bits of realistic stage business.

I particularly admired his scenes in the second act with the once haughty and now dethroned Queen Elizabeth. After murdering her brother and two sons, Richard plays on her ambition and demands that she now persuade her young daughter to marry him.

He taunts her by stepping on the train of her dress like a spoiled unruly boy, grabs her and kisses her, then wipes his lips as he condemns her derisively in an aside to the audience: "Relenting fool, and shallow, changing woman!"

Patricia Collins, a Stratford veteran, is outstanding as the imperious and now humbled Queen Elizabeth.

So is Robert Haley, as the hypocritical, doublecrossing Duke of Buckingham, who says of himself, "I can counterfeit the deep tragedian/Speak and look back and pry on every side." Promised to win an earldom, he conspires to have Richard accepted by the populace as a pious Bible-reader and thus crowned king. But when Richard refuses to reward him, the duke turns against him, but is eventually captured and summarily executed by wily Richard.

Eventually, the melodrama is reduced to a Grand Guignol, gory with regal blood, with Richard responsible for no less than eight deaths.

Director Moss has staged the carnage with flamboyant gusto, using medieval banners magnificently in the last act to suggest battle scenes. Designer Astrid Janson's spider-web-like sets are wonderfully menacing and composer Raymond Pannell's music properly brooding.

It's the most lavish production ever staged by Young People's Theatre. Because of Peterson's narrow restrictions, it's also a flawed production.

Nevertheless, YPT deserves immense credit for tackling this Shakespearean classic tale of villainy with a verve that equals the Stratford productions. Young people who like going to see horror movies are advised to try the Shakespearean brand. *Richard III* is a humdinger of horror — and, as a bonanza, it's also an entertaining way of studying British history.

Complexities of the mind

Bizarre maladies affect brain

books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

The Man Who Mistook His Wife For A Hat. By Oliver Sacks. Fitzhenry & Whiteside. (Paperbound U.S. $7.95.)

The 22 medical case-histories of brain-damaged patients in this extraordinary book are bizarre and unforgettable.

A musician of distinction with a massive tumor in the visual part of his brain loses the ability to recognize faces. On one occasion he pats five fire hydrants, believing them to be children. At another time, following a medical examination, he begins to look around for his hat. "He reached out his hand and took hold of his wife's head, tried to lift it off to put it on. He had apparently mistaken his wife for a hat. His wife looked as if she was used to such things."

Somehow, this patient learned to function with his strange malady and taught music to tolerant students to the end of his days.

A young man is convinced that a severed human leg has been placed in his bed. When he attempts to throw it out of the bed his body follows after. He cannot accept the notion that this unwanted appendage is attached to him. "He seized it with both hands, with extraordinary violence, and tried to tear it off his body, and failing, punched it with an excess of rage. Where his own left leg was he doesn't know. "I have no idea. It's disappeared. It's gone. It's nowhere to be found."

A 24-year-old patient with Torrette's Syndrome is almost incapacitated by multiple tics of extreme violence that come in spurts every few seconds. This tragic ailment is accompanied by manic, often uncontrollable, behavior. At the same time the patient is remarkably musical (a weekend jazz drummer of unusual virtuosity) and a champion ping-pong player.

Eventually the use of a miracle drug eliminates the tic and enables the patient to function in society. But "he is less sharp, less quick in repartee, no longer bubbling with witty tics or ticcy wit . . . he has lost his obscenities, his coarse chutzpah, his spunk. He has come to feel, increasingly, that something is missing."

So the doctor and his patient reach a dramatic decision. The patient continues to take his medication during the week; but not on the weekend when he becomes the frivolous, frenetic, inspired individual of his earlier condition.

An 88-year-old woman suddenly discovers a new liveliness. She feels youthful, even sexually aroused. Where does this euphoria come from? The cause is the recurrence of a long-forgotten venereal infection that excites her cerebral cortex. The syphilis is arrested, but the disinhibitions are allowed to continue. Mrs. K. now has it both ways. She hopes to live, thus reanimated and rejuvenated, to 100.

Martin, aged 61, is seemingly beyond medical redemption. He is a walking encyclopedia who knows by heart Grove's Dictionary of Music and Musicians. This musical "freak" achieves a new kind of calmness and wholeness when he joins a church choir and sings his beloved Bach.

Dr. Oliver Sacks is professor of clinical neurology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. His literary method is to relate each episode and to explain it in terms of the teachings and findings of neurology. He writes with clarity, zest and obvious sympathy for his patients who somehow find the means to survive, with marvelous adaptability, on the fringe of reality. The mind, far more intricate and devious than we know, allows these unfortunate brain-damaged individuals to create identities for themselves through the use of artifice, subterfuge, music and art.

Some of the medical expositions and philosophical digressions do not make for easy reading. But, without question, this is a wise, compelling human document that depicts with great knowledge and awareness the complexities and wonders of the human mind.

Radio Days recreates mood of 40s America

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

If you're 40 or over you may well appreciate Woody Allen's new film, *Radio Days*, now playing at the York theatre.

Written and directed by Allen, *Radio Days* is a shmaltzy, somewhat humorous, filmic memoir of an era long overtaken by television.

Before the dawn of our brave, new world in the 1950s, radio was king, a unifying element. Families would gather around their old wooden sets, listening to upbeat music, the news of the day, the variety programs, the mystery serials and the live ads that sound so utterly corny today.

In its heyday, during the 1930s and 1940s, radio was extremely influential, entertaining and enlightening, breaking up the hours into morsel-size tidbits for easy digestion.

Woody Allen was part of the generation that grew up with radio. And like many of his contemporaries, he has fond memories of that time, now shrouded in mist.

His semi-biographical film, which he narrates in his typically breathless style, is propelled forward by a rich musical score strong on sentimental songs like Dancing in the Dark, South American Way, If I Don't Care, That Old Feeling and Lullaby of Broadway.

Each song ushers in a scene, all redolent of the period from about 1940 to 1944. But there is continuity in *Radio Days*, as Allen recalls his childhood in a rather drab working-class district of New York City.

Somewhat humorous filmic memoir

There is his father (Michael Tucker), an amiable taxi driver who was ashamed to admit it; his mother (Julie Kavner), who thought she would marry someone with a better future; his uncle Abe, (Josh Mostel) a rotund fishmonger; Abe's complaining wife Ceil (Renee Lippin); his single aunt Bea (Diane Wiest), who was always looking for Mr. Perfect.

And there is much more. Allen remembers the "crime" he committed as a callow youth — the theft of Jewish National Fund coins from a pushke. He recreates the episode when uncle Abe heretically consumed pork chops on Yom Kippur and then felt chest pains. He tells of poor Mrs. Silverman, the lady who had a fatal fit upon discovering that her daughter was dating a Black boy, and of Miss Gordon, the blonde substitute teacher who disrobed one night as he and his leering friends looked on from the vantage point of a rooftop.

There are fictitious characters in the film as well, notably Sally White (Mia Farrow), the cooing cigarette girl who uses her feminine charms to land parts in radio shows.

Radio Days is at its best in recreating the mood of 1940s America. Little details convey it all, much to a viewer's satisfaction. But it is hardly one of Allen's great films. *Hannah and her Sisters* or *Manhattan*, to use but two examples, are far, far superior.

It is simply too disconnected and amorphous to be classified as memorable cinema. And the jokes, surprisingly enough, lack the edge and the bite of some of Allen's previous films.

There can be no criticizing the intent behind *Radio Days*, however. The idea is brilliant but the execution is barely more than passable.

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Steve is one of about 50 woodcuts on show at the Columbus Centre by Tom Rasky, as part of the exhibit, The Jazz Image, from Feb. 15 to March 15.

Young artist combines love of music, imagery

By MARK DODICK

TORONTO —

A set of drums sits not far away from Tom Rasky's homemade printing press.

And the proximity is appropriate to the first showing of his work because the artist has combined in his prints his love of music and imagery.

Rasky, 28, (and no relation to CJN writer Frank Rasky) is exhibiting about 50 woodcuts at the Columbus Centre (Feb. 15 to March 15) under the title: The Jazz Image.

The jazz drummer and self-taught printmaker didn't immediately find his calling as a visual artist.

Though exposed to the fine arts when he was younger, he spent three years (1979-1982) studying electrical engineering at the University of Toronto before he went on to the Ontario College of Art for one year.

Today, he is partners with his father in Rasky Construction Ltd., (a business he says he very much enjoys), and prints in the basement of his and his wife Cynthia's home in his spare time.

Asked who has influenced his work, Rasky cites musicians John Coltrane, Miles Davis and drummers Elvin Jones and Claude Ranger. On the visual side he lists primitive art, Marc Chagall, Edvard Munch and the German Expressionists.

"Printing fascinates me," he says. "The power, the impact, there's a certain look. It's powerful and you can repeat the image.

"In woodcuts, the German Expressionists did the most important work of the 20th century, so you can't help but look at them.

"Of all printmaking forms, woodcuts appeal to me because they are primitive, and you can do it with a spoon, a knife and some water."

And though Rasky's prints come closer to Munch's more fluid style, he says he does not share the Norwegian artist's dire spirit.

"He was trying to express a lot of sorrow in the human condition. He didn't influence me in that sense although I respect him for his ability to express that quality of the human condition.

"I like artists who don't look too stylized, who don't get used to one way of working. For an artist to be growing is important."

Of his own creative process Rasky says: "I work quite fast. I very rarely rework my prints. I'm interested in that free element. I let the creative process surprise me."

Rasky keeps his runs small — no more than about 15 prints in an edition. About 20 pieces in the exhibit are in color. The prints range in size from a few inches square to about 4 ft. by 3 ft.

On the theme of jazz and created from the imagination, sketches and photographs Rasky takes and develops himself, the prints show musicians playing by themselves or in groups.

They are records of the artist's friends, musicians he has seen perform, and clubs he's visited. They are, he says, attempts to synthesize visual and musical qualities.

"There is the picture of the players and there is also the music expression, trying to put the music in visually.

"It's very difficult to take one art form which is of a different sense and apply it to the visual or audio.

"In a certain sense it's impossible, they are almost exclusive of each other. But you can be creative within any working constraint."

For more information about the exhibit, call Rita at the Columbus Centre at 789-7011.

Program for children

Rusinek trio will perform

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Talented 17-year-old clarinetist Michael Rusinek and his trio will perform in the lobby of Roy Thomson Hall as part of the Cushion Concert series at 9.30 a.m., Feb. 21.

His program will feature children's music for clarinet, violin (Paul Zafer) and piano (Ed Turgeon) by Weber, Kreisler and Bartok and will include Mozart's Trio K.498.

Rusinek has already aroused great interest in Southern Ontario. Audiences of many sizes and ages are enchanted by his performances which include witty commentary and a pleasantly challenging selection of pieces.

In July 1985, he won first prize in the prestigious International Clarinet Society competition in Oberlin, Ohio. He has performed with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra at Ontario Place and has been heard on CFRB and CJRT.

For further information, call 593-4828.

Michael Rusinek

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Celebration, the first of a 3-concert series sponsored by Young Peoples' Theatre in conjunction with RCA and Guthrie Keilty Bickerstaff Ltd., will feature Canadian pianist-composer Bill Douglas, oboist Lawrence Cherney, and members of the Amadeus Ensemble including violinist Moshe Hammer, and synthesizer-electric pianist Casey Sokol.

Jazz melodies by Gershwin and Thelonius Monk will be included as well as works by Bach and Jean Piche. The date is Feb. 16 at YPT, 165 Front St. E.

For details, call 363-5131.

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ConfiDanse's I Love New York suitcase party will feature a performance by this exciting Toronto modern dance troupe, the opportunity to meet top dancer - choreographer Louis Falco and dancer Jorge Gale, and a chance to win a free weekend trip to New York to see the musical 42nd Street.

It's all happening Feb. 13 at the Concert Hall, 888 Yonge St. Call 863-9549 or 588-1782 for further information.

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Tardiness is an inexcusable sin at major concerts. Especially on a weeknight, people should not have to wait 35 minutes for the show to begin. This is what happened during the opening night of Yehoram Gaon's 2-concert stint at Minkler Auditorium.

Once the show began, Gaon, to his credit, gave a generous 2-hour performance. The second hour was his best, because it featured many of the old hits which brought him superstar status.

Once Gaon was suitably warmed-up, he expounded his famous resonant baritone power, tempered by a sensitive soft touch in the more lyrical passages. There were ample signs the performer was still in top form in such classics as Kol HaKovod (All the Respect), Lots of Love, and of course Rosa Rosa.

But during the first half with newer material, while the golden voice retained its power in the lower registers, it often quivered in the high notes, which at times could barely be heard.

The newer songs lacked the vocal range, musical catchiness and versatility of the great hits of the 1970s. Most of them were slow minor-key Mediterranean ballads. A few of them were pretty unto themselves. But an hour of such similar tunes wore thin.

Probably in cognizance of this apparent vocal aging, Gaon gave more emphasis to his considerable skills as comedian-raconteur. However, his stories were all told in Hebrew. Until the blessed day comes when most Diaspora Jews speak Hebrew, he should tell at least two stories in English in the future should he return.

Soviet Army groups to give 3 performances

TORONTO —

The spectacular Soviet Army Chorus and Dance Ensemble will present three performances at Massey Hall, Feb. 23 and Feb. 24.

The company — better known under its former name, the Red Army Chorus - returns to Canada after 14 years with its 200 singers, dancers, and musicians and six tons of equipment.

Founded in 1928 by the composer and conductor, Professor Alexandrov — author of the Soviet national anthem — the troupe has amassed a repertoire of 1,500 songs taken from both Russian folklore and the 40 countries where it has toured.

The chorus boasts an amazing range, passing from the softest pianissimo to rousing, full-throated song, accompanied by impressive musicians on melodic balalaikas, accordions, strings and percussion.

In addition, the ensemble performs more than 50 Slavic dances, complete with breathtaking acrobatics.

In keeping with tradition, the company, now under the direction of its founder's son, Col. Boris Alexandrovich Alexandrov, will perform songs by Canadian authors, including Mon Pays by Gilles Vigneault and Foster's Peace.

Drama to portray Depression struggle

TORONTO —

A heartwarming drama of a Toronto family's struggle for economic survival during the Great Depression will be presented at 2 p.m. Feb. 19 at the Baycrest Centre, 3560 Bathurst St.

It's an adaptation of a well-known Canadian novel by Bernice Thurman Hunter titled *The Scatterbrain Booky*, and it features such pop songs of the 1930s as *Climb Upon My Knee Sonny Boy Boy, We're In The Money* and *Happy Days Are Here Again.*

It's a production of the Cascade Theatre Company, formed in 1983 to perform before more than 90,000 school-aged children.

The troupers have not expanded their audience to include seniors.

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Arts

Gil Shaham

Future comes up roses for Israeli violinist

By
RICK KARDONNE

TORONTO —

Five years ago at the age of 10, violinist Gil Shaham made his stunning debut in Israel as a soloist with the Jerusalem Symphony under the direction of Alexander Schneider. Today, he just completed a North American concert tour with the Israel Sinfonietta under the leadership of Mendi Rodan which played at Roy Thomson Hall Jan. 29 and concluded at the recently renovated Carnegie Hall two days later.

Shaham began his violin studies at the age of 7 with Samuel Bernstein at Jerusalem's Rubin Academy of Music and then received yearly scholarships from the American-Israel Cultural Foundation.

In 1982 he was accepted to Juilliard as a scholarship student of Dorothy DeLay, the renowned teacher of among others, Itzhak Perlman, Pinchas Zukerman and Shlomo Mintz.

Interviewed backstage at Roy Thomson Hall just after he dazzled the audience with his performance of Max Bruch's Violin Concerto in G-minor, the 15-year-old musician seemed matter-of-fact when discussing both his recent concert achievements, future plans, and Israel as a major world music centre.

Shaham has recently performed with both the New York Philharmonic and Israel Philharmonic, under the baton of Zubin Mehta. Recently, he has also soloed with the Jerusalem Symphony and German National Youth Orchestra.

In the near future, his engagements include concerto appearances with the Jerusalem, London, Bavaria State, Munich and Cologne Symphonies. In addition, he does much recital work.

Who are Shaham's favorite composers? "I went through a phase of Brahms," performing almost exclusively works by Brahms. But now he is enlarging his active repertoire to include works by Bach, Mozart and Beethoven.

Actually, half of the Sinfonietta tour has consisted of his performing the Prokofiev Violin Concerto instead of the Bruch. And he is also performing Bartok's Violin Concerto which is based on gypsy tunes.

"I haven't done Stravinsky, Elgar or Barber," but says he would like to learn their violin concertos.

"More contemporary Israeli music should be written," Shaham firmly believes. "Israel today is a world music centre, but many of its top musicians end up in New York."

Shaham himself has lived in New York for the past four years, with his family. "I will be in New York for the foreseeable future, but I have not decided what college I'll go to."

He does hope that one day soon, Israel will be able to keep its best musicians at home, so that while they will continue to travel worldwide, their permanent residences will be in their homeland.

Part of the reason why Israel enjoys such prestigious status today is due to its superlative music educational system. "There is a lot of music education in Israel, especially with the American Israel Cultural Foundation Mishkenot Shaananim Music Centre in Jerusalem which was organized by violinist Isaac Stern," Shaham says. He knows the great musician well. "I played a concert with Isaac Stern commemmorating the reopening of the Weill Recital Hall, formerly known as Carnegie Recital Hall in New York. He has especially done a lot for Israel."

Midler and Long comedy adventure has flashes of wit

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Opposites attract, or so they say. In *Outrageous Fortune,* two high-profile actresses who couldn't be more different, Bette Midler and Shelley Long, are teamed up in a comedy adventure that threatens to run out of gags.

Midler, sassy and given to profanity, is the spitting image of a spoiled Jewish girl. Long, prissy and preppy, is what you would imagine an upper-class WASP to be.

The ladies don't always mesh easily, but the contrast is not without interest.

Midler and Long portray aspiring actresses who find themselves embroiled in a messy espionage case involving the CIA and the KGB. The action moves from the congested streets of New York City to the grand, unspoiled landscapes of New Mexico.

The plot, which is complicated but not convoluted, turns on their rather clever attempt to track down a cad (Peter Coyote) with whom each has had a lustful affair. The man in question, who is more than the simple school teacher he pretends to be, is supposedly killed in an explosion. At the morgue, Midler and Long notice that a fondly-remembered part of his lower anatomy looks unfamiliar. Suspicious, they set off to solve the mystery.

In their quest to get to the bottom of the conundrum, they beat a pair of criminals at their own game, outfox an incompetent CIA agent, and bamboozle their former lover.

The girls are usually fun to watch. Midler, whose mincing walk is nothing if not amusing, is spontaneous and full of comic energy. Long, whose elegant Anglo appearance sometimes clashes with Midler's down-home Jewish style, is less frenetic but just as sharp.

Outrageous Fortune, **now playing at Famous Players theatres, is distinguished by several flashes of genuine wit. But all too often, it is a pallid imitation of a first-class comedy.**

Winnipegger looks back

Drache art "career" splendid

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

For almost 35 years, Marjory Drache and art in Winnipeg were nearly synonymous. No artist herself, her art "career" began as a patron to local artists in the early 1950s and culminated as volunteer organizer and manager of the Winnipeg Art Gallery gift shop.

Drache is the granddaughter of Marcus Abrams, one of Winnipeg's original Jewish settlers. Not coming from a shtetl background, she was atypical among members of her generation. As well, her parents neither attended a synagogue nor gave her any Yiddish or Hebrew education. "I learned street Yiddish years later from my mother-in-law," she said.

After university, a rare accomplishment for a Jewish girl in the 1920s, she married her high school sweetheart, lawyer Sam Drache. Over the next few years, she supported her husband's growing legal practice, helped her father Charles Tadman in his hardware store, and raised her son, Arthur, now a lawyer and tax expert in Ottawa. She also found time to serve as president of her Hadassah chapter and of the Winnipeg section of the National Council of Jewish Women.

Drache had always loved art. Where other girls had collected pictures of movie stars, she collected pictures of objets d'art from magazines. In the early 50s, she began pursuing her interest in this vein, becoming a patron to local artists.

"There were no art galleries here at the time and artists had no one to promote their work," she said. "I became very friendly with several artists and began buying and selling their paintings."

Gift shop

Her interest and growing involvement in Winnipeg's arts community led her to join the Women's Committee of the as yet homeless Winnipeg Art Gallery. During the 1950s and 60s, she was called upon to organize yearly juried exhibitions of artists' works from across Canada and Painting in the Park, a yearly program for children.

In 1970, when the new Winnipeg Art Gallery was being built, Drache and Merle Guberman were approached by gallery director, Ferdinand Eckhardt, with instructions to open a gift shop in the new building.

"He told us he wanted us to open a shop with good taste," she said. "I was the only member of the Women's Committee with a business background. Merle and I decided on a 'crafts-of-the-world' theme. We bought our stock with money borrowed from the gallery's Volunteer Committee."

The gallery opening however had to be delayed because of an electricians' strike. "We had to start selling our Eskimo carvings and other stock from my basement," said Drache.

For 14 years, Drache ran the WAG's gift shop, first with Guberman, then, after her passing, on her own. (As well, the shop has always had a staff of part-time volunteers.)

Marjory Drache

Then, in 1985, at age 80, Drache walked out the door for the last time. "I didn't like the unionizing and I didn't know anyone there anymore except for the caretakers," she said. "Everyone was new.

"We still support the gallery and go to see the exhibitions occasionally, but I don't miss working there. When I leave a place, I really leave it.

"I do things at my own pace now," she says. "I don't miss anything. You name it, I've been there."

For now, she is enjoying wintering with her grandchildren in Florida.

Ofra Harnoy

Elyakim Taussig

Moshe Hammer

Renowned artists to appear in Holy Blossom's benefit

TORONTO —

Three internationally renowned artists will headline Holy Blossom Temple's benefit concert Thursday, April 23 at 8 p.m. Proceeds will go toward the completion of an elevator to make the synagogue more accessible to seniors and the physically disabled.

Ofra Harnoy, Moshe Hammer and **Elyakim Taussig** will perform Dvorak's Dumky Trio as well as solo pieces from the classical repertoire and Jewish themes. In duet, violinist Hammer will perform Baal Shem Suite by Ernest Bloch with piano accompaniment by Taussig.

The evening will also mark the world premiere of Milton Barnes' Eyshet Chayil — A woman of Valor. Barnes' musical interpretation of a passage from the Book of Proverbs is meant for the concert hall and was scored with Harnoy, Hammer and Taussig in mind. The tenor solo part was specifically written for Benjamin Maissner, shul cantor, who will join the trio.

General admission is $18. Patron and sponsor ($250 per couple) ticket holders will be invited to a reception following the concert.

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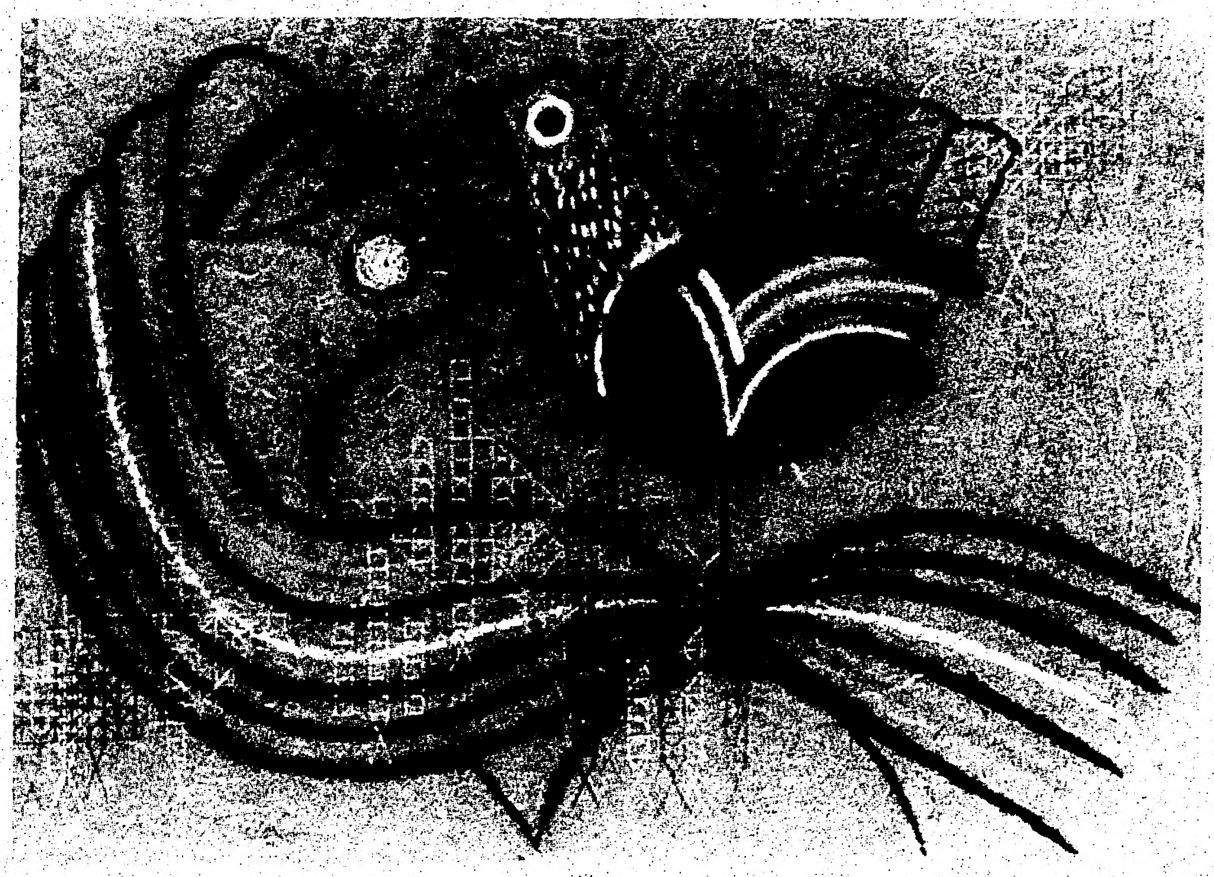

The work of Anton Cetin officially opens Mark Evan Cohen's Galerie Evan and runs to March 14. Seen here is the artist's 1986 drawing, With Space Architecture No. VIII.

Albert White Gallery: Henry Moore. 80 Spadina Ave., 865-1021.

Art Gallery of Ontario: *John Lyman Retrospective*, paintings and drawings to Feb. 22; *Roualt: Miserere*, a portfolio of 58 of his prints, to March 22; *Roger and Myra Davidson Collection*, 50 large works by contemporary artists, to March 22; *Alexander and John Robert Cozens*, 18th-century English landscape artists, to March 29; *The Norcen Gift: 20th Century Canadian Art*, a selection of works donated to the AGO by Norcen Energy Resources Ltd. Opens Feb. 13. 317 Dundas St. W., 977-0414.

A Show of Hands: Ceramics by Denise-Puize Grenier and Anita Rocomara; Papier Mache by Meike Cadot. 1947 Avenue Rd., 782-1696.

Bau-Xi Gallery: Works on paper by Harry Stanbridge and Art Lucs to Feb. 14; Martin Honisch, *From Renaissance to the Modern Day*, paintings. 340 Dundas St. W., 977-0600.

Bonnie Kagan Gallery: Group show including Lynn Campbell, Donna Wise, Helen Zenith, Yone Young and others. 80 Spadina Ave., suite 304. 364-6181.

Carmen Lamanna Gallery: New sculpture by Collette Whiten. 840 Yonge St., 922-0410

Columbus Centre Art Gallery: *The Jazz Image*, woodcuts by Tom Rasky, opens Feb. 15. 30. 901 Lawrence Ave. W. 789-7011.

Evelyn Aimis Fine Art: Group show of gallery artists to Feb. 18; Ken Nutt, recent drawings, Gordon Ferguson, recent sculpture Feb. 21 to March 12. 14 Hazelton Ave., 961-0878.

First Impressions Gallery: *SoHo in To.*, New 3-D constructions by James Rizzi and introducing SoHo graffiti artists Crash, Cutrone Daze, Kostobi and others, Feb. 14 to March 19. 334 Dundas W., 591-8461.

Galerie Evan: Premiere show for new gallery featuring the work of Anton Cetin to March 14. Renaissance Plaza, 150 Bloor St. W., 323-3713.

Gallery 44: *Memorial Photographs*, Andrew Maciejewski's intimate portraits of himself and his family in Poland and Toronto. 109 Niagara St. 363-5187.

Gallery Moos: Sculpture by Nat Neujean to Feb. 19; Recent paintings by Ray Cattel, Feb. 21 to March 11. 136 Yorkville., 922-0627.

Gallery One: Recent work by Charles Robb opens Feb. 21. 121 Scollard St., 929-3103.

Garnet Press: Work by Julie Voyce to Feb. 21; Work by Warren Quigley, Feb. 28 to March 21. 580 Richmond – St. W., 366-5012.

George R. Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art: Permanent collection includes Pre-Columbian pottery, English delftware, Continental and English porcelain and Italian majolica. 111 Queen's Park, 593-9300.

Glass Art Gallery: *Young Canadians IV*, Alfred Engerer, Lou Lynn, Robert Reichhardt, and Donald Robertson. 21 Hazelton Ave., 968-1823.

Harbourfront Art Gallery: *Icons of Postmodernism*, paintings by young Italian artists to March 1; Work by Toronto sculptor Judith Schwartz in the Sculpture Court to March 1; Tomiyo Sasaki: A Video Installation, to March 1; Bill O'Donnell: recent photos to March 8. 235 Queen's Quay W., 869-8410.

Hollander York Gallery: Impressionist landscapes of Quebec by St. Gilles Feb. 14 to March 2. 120 Scollard St., 923-9275.

Isaacs Gallery: After 25 years at 832 Yonge St., the gallery is moving to new quarters in February. Temporary offices are at 9 Prince Arthur Ave., 923-7301.

Jane Corkin Gallery: New work by Deborah Caffery to Feb. 28. 179 John St., 979-1980.

Justina M. Barnicke Gallery: Photosculpture by Howard Gerry in the East Gallery; Urban Landscape Scenes, works on paper by Jill Livermore in the West Gallery to March 5. Hart House, University of Toronto, 978-2453.

Koffler Gallery: *Sugluk: Sculpture in Stone 1953-1959*, More than 40 major sculptures by the people of Sugluk, one of the northernmost Quebec Inuit communities to March 27. 4588 Bathurst St. 636-1880.

Leo Kamen Gallery: Paintings by James Allen, open Feb. 14. 80 Spadina Ave., 365-9515.

Makonde Gallery: *An Early Spring Thaw*, Paintings by Laurence Cherniak to Feb. 21. 91 Scollard St., 961-6650.

Marianne Friedland Gallery Ltd.: New paintings by Jonathan Thomas. 122 Scollard St., 961-4900.

Market Gallery: *Face to Face with Toronto's History*, An exhibition of paintings, photographs and sculptures from the archives collection that examines the importance of portraiture as it relates to Toronto's history to April 26. 95 Front St. E., 392-7604.

McMichael Canadian Collection: *The Romantic Landscape Now*, Exhibition of contemporary paintings to March 1; *Horatio Walker Retrospective*, Oil paintings, watercolors and sketeches; *Raven's Work: Northwest Coast Indian Art*, to September 1988. In Kleinburg, 893-1121.

Mira Godard Gallery: Small scale paintings by Alex Katz. 22 Hazleton Ave., 964-8197.

Oskar Asher Schmidt Museum: Jewish ceremonial art from the collection of John and Molly Pollock to May 1. Lipa Green Building, 4th floor, 4600 Bathurst St., 635-2883

Royal Ontario Museum: *Buddhist and Hindu Stone Sculptures of South Asia*, 12 sculptures dating from the second to the 10th century; *20th Century Ceramics*, work by Picasso, Leach, Rie and New Brunswick potters Kjeld and Erica Deichmann; *Sculpture from the South Asian Collection*, five recent acquisitions from the Far Eastern department; *Caravans and Clipper Ships*, drawn from the Silk Roads, China Ships exhibition, examines ancient trade routes llinking Asia and the West. 100 Queen's Park Cres., 586-5551/2/3.

Toronto Sculpture Garden: New work by Stacey Spiegel through next April. 115 King St. E., 485-9658.

Waddington & Shiell Galleries: Gallery Artists. 33 Hazelton Ave., 925-2461.

Yaneff Gallery: 19th and 20th century watercolors and drawings. 119 Isabella St., 924-6677.

Ydessa Gallery: Work by Jeff Wall to Feb. 28. 334 Queen St. W., 593-1100.

York University Art Gallery: *The Book of the Seven Lagoons*, an environmental project by Helen Mayer Harrison and Newton Harrison to Feb. 15; P/PO multiplied from the permanent collection, Feb. 19 to March 22. Ross Bldg. room N-145, 4700 Keele St., 736-5169.

YYZ: *Means of Measurement*, Work by Lee Dickson to Feb. 28. 116 Spadina Ave., 367-0601.

Jewish film festival makes modest start

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

A modest Jewish film festival has begun.

A joint project of the Board of Jewish Education and the Toronto Jewish Cultural Council, it got underway in December and will end in late spring.

Feature length films and shorts are on the program, making it an eclectic festival.

Thematically, the films cover a wide area, running the gamut from the Jewish immigrant experience in America to the Holocaust.

Unfortunately, there are too few of them.

There is a total of only five features and five acompanying shorts, and one wonders why the organizers couldn't have come up with a much greater number.

Be that as it may, the next feature, *Homage to Chagall*, a documentary, will be shown on Feb. 22. *The Dybbuk* (in Hebrew) is scheduled for March 29, while *Yidl Mitl Fidl* is set for June 7.

The first of the series, *Hester Street*, was screened on Dec. 14.

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The Jan. 18 program included *La Passante* and *The Hangman*.

Directed in 1983 by Jacques Rouffio, *La Passante* stars Romy Scheider and Michel Piccoli. It is in French, with English subtitles.

The theme, that of revenge and redemption, builds to an inexorable climax as Max Baumstein (Piccoli), a Holocaust survivor, relates the story of his life through a series of well-integrated flashbacks.

Baumstein, a successful businessman who heads an international civil rights organization, creates front-page headlines when he kills the Paraguayan ambassador to France.

Everyone, including his wife Lina (Schneider), is shocked by this seemingly senseless murder. But as Baumstein unburdens himself of his pent-up emotions, a story of sadness and duplicity unfolds.

It is fairly well made, though strangely muted.

The Hangman, an animated parable of man's inhumanity to man, contains an interesting twist.

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Screenings take place at the Lipa Green Building, adjacent the Jewish Community Centre, 4600 Bathurst, at 7.30 p.m.

For more information, contact Merle Goldman (635-2883) or Avihu Bar-El (633-7770).

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Fresh at the Fish House

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I would like to thank Mrs. Perlman for writing us and asking for the recipe of "Soupe Provencale." Mrs. Perlman, here it is!

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2 tomatoes chopped
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2-3 cloves of garlic
1 bay leaf
1 pinch thyme
1 pinch saffron
salt and pepper to taste
1 lb. peeled potatoes in quarter inch slices
1 lb. cod filets
2 tbls. fresh chopped parsley
1½ quarts of water
1 tbls. of crushed anise seed or fennel according to preference.

Instructions

Heat oil in a large saucepan. Add onions and brown. Then add leeks, tomatoes and garlic. Cook and stir for 3 minutes. Add bay leaf, saffron, thyme, salt and pepper. Also add your choice of anise or fennel. Add water. Bring to a boil. Add the potatoes. Cook for 20 minutes covered. Dice the cod filets into one inch cubes adding them to the soup. Cook 4-5 minutes more. Your soup is ready to be served garnished with chopped parsley. Hot garlic bread or croutons could add a delicious complement to your soup.

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Travel

Whale watching part of tourists' day

Hawaiian island boasts a long history of whaling

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

LAHAINA, Maui — Whaling was a big business 150 years ago at this small town on the island of Maui, one of the Hawaiian islands, this travel reporter found out on a visit not long ago. I walked along the waterfront street past weatherbeaten buildings, now turned into boutiques and restaurants, where once sailors of the whaling fleet celebrated their arrival back on land.

The waterfront has a conglomeration of fishing boats for deepsea fishing, glass-bottom boats for visits to nearby coral seabeds, and many private yachts. Here you can rent sailboats or go out on yachts to nearby Lanai Island for snorkeling and scuba diving, an all-day outing with breakfast and barbecued shore dinner included.

There is a small museum to whaling and whalers, and today whale watching is a part of a tourist day. Quite often from the Kaanapali golf course, golfers will stop to watch whales spouting not far from shore. Whaling here ended in the mid-19th century when oil was discovered in the United States and Canada.

Today the island of Maui grows sugar cane. At Lahaina I rode on a sugar cane train through nearby sugar fields, watched how cane was being cut and handled in a sugar mill.

Lanai least visited

Lanai is one of the smallest of the Hawaiian islands and least visited. It was practically unknown to tourists until the 1920s, having a reputation among Hawaiians as the home of evil spirits. But when pineapple cultivation began in 1922, tourists followed, some to visit the plantations, others to climb the rugged interior hills, and by beachcombers who were looking for shipwrecked materials, or by hunters and game fishing buffs.

On the island of Kauai I stood on the rim of Waimea Canyon, the closest rival to the Grand Canyon of Arizona. The Waimea Canyon is an enormous gorge a mile wide and 10 miles (16 kms) long. It is 3,657 feet (1,115 m.) deep. The multicolored lava rocks are constantly changing in shade as clouds and sun pass overhead.

There is a state park nearby with a wide assortment of trees and flowers of the area and picnic grounds.

On Kauai's west coast are fine white sand beaches with towering cliffs. Along the north shore is Hanalei, once an important shipping port, now mainly a marina for dozens of large and small yachts.

The east coast has rivers and waterfalls, emptying into the Pacific Ocean. You can even take boat trips on the Wailua River to Fern Grotto, a cave with huge overhanging ferns, where sometimes people come to be married.

On the south shore are some blowholes formed by the tides sweeping the ocean waters through holes in the rock high into the air.

Largest of the islands is Hawaii, also known as the Big Island. Here is Volcanoes National Park, with some of the volcanoes still active. When they are not active you can drive along the rim of the craters and walk over cold lava.

Also on Hawaii is the City of Refuge National Historic Park. It is on the island's west coast, a quiet palm-studded area with a small restored thatched temple. Around the temple is a palisade and both inside and outside the wooden wall are ancient wooden carved Polynesian tikis or gods. There were food offerings before the tikis inside the palisade when I visited there. Here Hawaiians used to come to seek refuge from pursuit or attack in the days before the white man came.

One of the major attractions for this travel writer is watching surfers riding the huge waves rolling in from the Pacific Ocean. You can watch surfers by the hour along Waikiki Beach near Honolulu on the island of Oahu. The power of those waves — should the surfer standing on his oblong-shaped piece of wood lose his balance — is enough to knock a surfer unconscious. I never tried the surfing but I did ride in a native outrigger canoe trying for an opening in a reef through the foaming waves — as exciting a boat ride as I had ever imagined.

Sunset on the beach on the island of Kauai, one of the Hawaiian islands.

Book expresses Canada's beauty

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

The sense of wonder that is Canada is beautifully expressed in *Sciencescape: The Nature of Canada (Oxford University Press, $24.95)*.

Sciencescape is not your usual travelogue, for it is a collaboration between an erudite scientist, David Suzuki, a brilliant photographer, Hans Blohm, and an accomplised writer, Majorie Harris.

This coffeetable volume achieves two main goals. It shows off Canada in all its natural glory and it explains how scientific principles work in nature.

The photographs are simply stunning.

Several I particularly liked: Arctic ice flows glinting in a late afternoon sun; the mud flats of the Bay of Fundy; the flamboyant autumn colors in one Ontario county; the deep blue color of the Atlantic off the Cabot Trail; Niagara Falls at dusk; the majestic Nahanni River snaking its way over rugged country; the jagged Carcajou Mountains in the MacKenzie Valley.

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U.S. hotels make early preparations for Passover

By
ROSE KLEINER

Families which celebrate Passover at home, often begin preparations for this holiday months in advance. This year the same can be said for some hotels, which began announcing Passover plans as far back as November.

New locations at which to spend a strictly kosher Passover have been added again this year. One can literally choose between the East, West or Southern coasts of the U.S., as well as overseas locations — with Israel, in particular, offering some excellent choices.

Starting in the East, there are Passover facilities in Vermont, in the Catskills and in Atlantic City. Lake Morey Inn Resort, in Fairlee, Vermont, is one of the two hotels sponsored by Kesher Kosher Tours. The resort will be under the rabbinical supervision of National Kashruth, and will be for the exclusive use of the Passover guests.

Reservations are limited to 150 families. The tour offers complimentary gifts for the adults and afikomen presents for the children.

In the Catskills, Passover at the Concord puts at one's disposal the hotel's extensive facilities for sports and entertainment, as well as "parent-free" children's programs. Concerts and lectures by prominent figures are also scheduled during the holiday.

Two other Catskills hotels, the Homowack and the Chalet Vim, provide a strictly kosher Passover atmosphere, with sports, fitness programs, and shiurim, or Torah classes.

Other East Coast locations for Passover are the Tamiment Resort in the Pocono Mountains, and the Bedford Springs Hotel in Bedford Springs, both in Pennsylvania. In New York the Rye Town Hotel of Rye, NY, will be kosher for Passover.

New Jersey's Harbor Island Spa, in Long Branch, will be open for Passover, and so will the World Tower Hotel in Atlantic City. The latter terms itself the only glatt kosher, and shomer Shabbos hotel in Atlantic City.

Florida has many hotels with Passover facilities. Two of them are near Disney World. The Hyatt Orlando is only a short ride by shuttlebus from Disney World and Epcot. The Sheraton Palm Coast Resort is an hour away.

In the south of Florida there are the year-round kosher hotels which stay open for Passover, the Saxony, Crown and Caribbean among others. In addition some of the luxury hotels in the area provide strictly kosher for Passover facilities.

The Diplomat, in Hollywood, offers an elegant resort setting for Passover. The Fontainebleau has recently opened a $2 million kosher food facility. Passover guests can also take advantage of the fitness programs and beauty treatments available at the hotel's new spa.

For families seeking a quiet retreat for the holiday one of the lovely villas at the Sonesta Beach Hotel on Key Biscayne, might be the answer. Passover foods can be purchased ready-made in nearby Miami, and the villas have their own private pool, with access to the hotel's tennis courts, health club and the beach.

On the west coast California will have three kosher hotels open for Passover — the Mission Hills Resort and Riviera Hilton of Palm Springs, and the Meridien Hotel of Newport Beach.

Outside the U.S. there will be two hotels in Acapulco, and one in the Bahamas catering to Passover guests. In Europe the Costa del Sol, and Switzerland will have kosher for Passover facilities.

In France the Hotel de Golf, in Deauville, is well known among European Jewry as a Passover destination. Located on the coast of Normandy, the hotel accommodates 250 persons, and its meals are catered by the leading kosher caterer of Paris.

No Passover celebration can match the experience of observing this holiday in Jerusalem. Although several luxury hotels are available in the city, space is not unlimited, and should be reserved early.

Special package deals are offered. At one of the newest hotels, the Ramada Renaissance, guests can enjoy an indoor swimming pool and other fitness facilities.

Package deals are also available at the Sheraton Jerusalem Plaza, the Laromme Jerusalem and King Solomon Jerusalem. All these hotels have two types of packages — an 11-day, 10-night arrangement, or a 14-day, 13-night plan.

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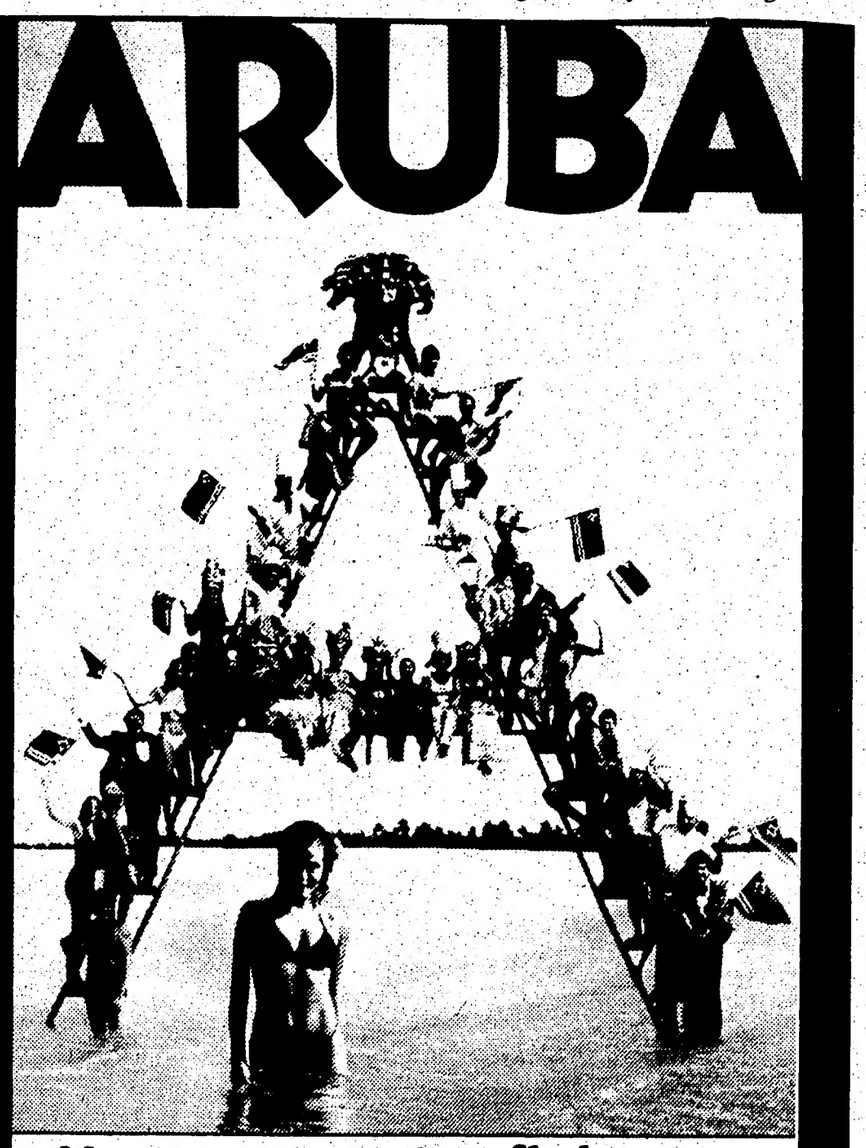
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Animals happy with environment

Miami Metrozoo a cageless wonder

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

MIAMI —
In traditional zoos animals are locked in cages and are like pathetic exhibits to a gawking public. But in Metrozoo, south Florida's biggest tourist attraction, things are very different.

Here, under a usually sunny sky, exotic animals like dik-diks, kori bustards and elands roam freely on grassy islands surrounded by moats.

Home to more than 100 different animals Metrozoo is a cageless wonder.

At Metrozoo, which marked its fifth anniversary in December, you won't see a tiger pacing restlessly behind bars. Instead you'll see him racing across the grass or sleeping under a ficus tree. And you won't see a lowland gorilla bashing his paws against plate glass. More likely than not, you'll see him curled up contentedly against a rock, nuzzling a younger gorilla, or feeding happily.

There is no doubt that the denizens of Metrozoo are happier in this kind of a naturalistic environment than they would be if they were locked up.

And for visitors this is important. For by watching an animal in what comes close to being its natural habitat, you can gain a better understanding of its true behavior.

Exhibits in Metrozoo, the site of the Richmond Naval Air Station in World War II, are arranged according to the regions of the world from where the animals come rather than by species.

So you can go to an African jungle, a European forest, an African plain, a Eurasian steppe, an Asian forest plain or an Asian jungle.

The roadwork, landscape and architecture of each display reflects that particular geographic area.

The zoo's newest exhibit, Wings of Asia, was inaugurated two years ago.

Already Metrozoo's most popular exhibit, Wings of Asia is a 1½-acre aviary that is home to some 360 unusual birds that live amid tropical trees, shrubs and ground covers that recreate the forests and marshes of that vast continent.

Some of the birds are immediately visible, but smaller, more reclusive species are harder to spot.

Benches have been installed throughout the grounds so that visitors can relax and watch the birds.

Among the rarer species are the orange-bellied leafbird, the bird of paradise, the fairy bluebird and the hanging parrot.

Metrozoo, which is situated on 280 acres of developed land just west of the Florida Turnpike exit, has been expanding continuously since it opened.

After unveiling the first phase in 1981, the African plains section was introduced in 1982. And after Wings of Asia made its debut, additional African exhibits were opened in 1985.

Continued growth won't be any problem, since Metrozoo owns a total of 740 acres of land.

Widely regarded as one of the finest zoos in the U.S., Metrozoo is open every day of the year, from 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., with ticket booths closing at 4 p.m.

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Myrtle Beach and South Carolina's Grand Strand will play host to some 10,000 visitors from Canada and the United States for the 26th Annual Canadian-American Days Festival, March 14-22.

The festival is sponsored by the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, and this year's line-up of exciting activities will include beach games, historical tours, sporting events, concerts and much more.

Familiarly known as Can-Am, the festival was initiated in the early 1960s to show appreciation to the now millions of Canadian and American visitors who vacation along the Grand Strand each year.

For those unfamiliar with the term "Grand Strand" it is a 60-mile coastal stretch extending from the North Carolina border south to Georgetown, SC, with the popular Myrtle Beach as its hub.

Aside from the favorite activity of sun bathing, the Grand Strand offers an unlimited array of opportunities to suit the taste of every vacationer. There are 50,000 accommodation units ranging from small efficiencies to beach cottages to plush oceanfront villas.

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Family amusements abound with popular rides, water slides, miniature golf and more. For those who enjoy quiet entertainment, the Grand Strand is home to Brookgreen Gardens, the world's largest outdoor sculpture garden set amongst native trees and wildlife.

There is nightlife entertainment for all ages, and shopping has become a favorite attraction with hundreds of retail and outlet centres.

March is the perfect time to visit the Grand Strand as air and ocean water temperatures remain comfortably warm. Not only is the weather mild, but prices are right at this time of year, according to Susanne Sartelle, Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce spokesperson.

"Since March is not peak season, hotels, motels, condominiums and cottages can be rented for less than they could in the summer." These discounted prices are one reason Can-Am is held in March, she said.

Another reason for the March festival, according to Festival Chairman Bob Cline, is because we'd like for our northern neighbors to experience some warmth here while they leave winter's chill at home!"

Cline says the Grand Strand community is getting geared up to welcome visitors for the festival. "Many area volunteers are hard at work planning activities for the festival." Cline says he is especially excited about Canadian participation in the festival.

"We like to involve Canadians and Americans together because that's what it's all about. We enjoy our ties with Canada and this celebration is important for that reason. We're excited about our visiting bands and boxers from Canada as they are a major part of the festival."

Cline is referring to the Burlington Teen Tour Band from Burlington, Ont., and the Seaforth High School All Girls Marching Band from Seaforth, Ont. Both bands will perform during several events throughout the festival.

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Business Outlook

Church, developer cooperate on luxury residences

Historic manse becomes condo sales centre

TORONTO —

An historic manse just south of King and Simcoe, which belongs to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, is now the location of the sales presentation centre for the new luxury condominiums, Symphony Place.

In October, 1986, the church announced plans to build a 25-storey residential building on its lands immediately adjacent to the manse and the Rose Corporation was selected as overall developer.

Since then the church and the development company, through its subsidiary, Symphony Place Corporation, have been working closely on the architectural and interior design elements of the building, which will provide three floors of office and meeting space for the church and 87 condominium residences.

Located opposite the entrance of Roy Thomson Hall, the building shows a dramatic juxtaposition of the old and the ultra modern. The new 25-storey tiered building will adjoin and surround the manse, just south of the over 100-year-old church.

The ground floor will have an elegant private foyer for the condominium residents, with comfortable sitting areas, washrooms and a 24-hour concierge service.

Two banks of elevators will service the 4th floor recreational centre (for residents only) and the 21 floors of residential units, which have no more than five suites per floor. Over half of the floors only have four suites and the top floor is reserved for a 3,030-square foot penthouse with two bedrooms, a den and three open terraces.

Typical suite designs include 1, 2 and 3 bedrooms, some with sunrooms, dens or libraries. In addition to the unique floor plan of the penthouse, there is a 2-bedroom suite with two terraces and a 1-bedroom suite with terrace. Square footages range from 840 to 1,725, with a larger suite at 2,000 and the penthouse at over 3,000.

In keeping with the Symphony Place name, the 17 different designs are given "Opus No." names, with the penthouse being the "Opus Ultima."

Interior design features vary throughout. Master bathrooms often feature oversized whirlpool tubs, separate shower stalls and double vanity units. Most master bedrooms have large walk-in closets.

Sunrooms, open terraces, separate breakfast areas, dens and even libraries are incorporated into many of the designs.

A large recreational facility will occupy the 4th floor of the building, equipped with men and women's locker rooms and saunas, an extra-large whirlpool, exercise and party/meeting rooms.

Prices for the suites at Symphony Place are broad in spectrum, with most falling in the $200,000 to $300,000 range.

The sales presentation centre is on the ground floor of the manse at 73 Simcoe St. Interested purchasers can call the centre during regular business hours at 595-8243.

Construction is expected to start in late 1987 with the first occupancies in early 1989.

Symphony Place, a new condominium development, will be going up at King and Simcoe, opposite Roy Thomson Hall.

Meyer Heth is elected Bank Leumi chairman

TEL AVIV —

Meir Heth, former head of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, has been elected chairman of the board of Bank Leumi by its new directors who were recently appointed by the bank's parent company, the Jewish Colonial Trust.

Heth succeeds Ernest Japhet, the bank's chairman and chief executive officer who was forced to step down after an inquiry into the October, 1983, bank share scandal (CJN Feb. 5).

The new chairman served as examiner of banks at the Bank of Israel from 1969 to 1975 and as chairman of the board of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange from 1978 until 1986. He is board chairman of Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, the largest Israeli pharmaceutical firm.

In addition, Heth has filled a number of public positions including membership on the postal council, chairman of the financial management committee of the Israel Management Centre, and membership on the advisory council of the Bank of Israel.

Meir Heth

He often lectures at the Hebrew University on economics and banking, and he has written a number of books on banking in Israel.

Heth was born in Haifa in 1932 and is married with three children. He studied economics and law at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and at Harvard University, Boston.

Serving with him on the new board of directors are: Menachem Berger, Yehezkel Flomin, Joshua Forer, Yona Mordechai, Gideon Makov, Nachman Perel, Arie Shachar, Elisha Shahmoon, Prof. Shimon Shetreet, and Prof. Zvi Zussman.

Zambian gems featured

RAMAT GAN —

Zambian emeralds will be a prominent feature of Israeli fine jewelry this year with the return to the marketplace of the stones after years of scarcity, says Hanoch Stark, president of the Israel Emerald Cutters Association.

Pointing to "impressive new discoveries" of emeralds near the Zambian copperbelt, Stark said the reorganization of procedures for the recovery of the precious rough stones and the streamlining of their distribution to the cutting plants will make a major impact.

The introduction of the Zambian-mined emerald complemented by the high technology of the Israeli gem industry has proven to be a combination which in the past decade has helped spread the popularity of emeralds as a highly desired precious gemstone, he said.

The emeralds found in Zambia have provided the first range of sizes and qualities in emeralds, Stark noted. The sophisticated Israeli lapidaries which process them have been able to supply cut gems in a variety of sizes, grades and cleanliness hitherto unavailable in emeralds, including the fancy and standard shapes usually associated with quality diamonds, he added.

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Method for calculating RRSP contribution given

The Readers Ask

By

MURRAY SHERR & BUNNY BERGSTEIN

Question: Can you help me determine how much my RRSP contribution can be for 1986. I received the following: Salary and bonus, $40,000; Canada Pension Plan, $4,663.80; Old Age Security, $3,478.44; Pension from previous employment, $800; Annuity income, $4,600.

I figure it should be $21,042.24 less $1,000 for the Pension Income Deduction. Is that correct?

Answer: No, it is not correct. You are allowed 20% of your salary and bonus to a maximum of $7,500. In addition, you may roll over 100% of the CPP and OAS and the pension from your previous employment (for yourself only — not as a spousal).

The annuity income of $4,600 can not be used because you received the payments directly. When the payments are direct to you they can only be used as earned income and 20% can be included in the $7,500 allowed. Since you already have $7,500 you have no contribution room for the annuity income. However, you can claim the $1,000 pension income deduction against it.

Your maximum contribution is as follows: Earned income, $7,500; CPP, $4663.80; OAS, $3478.44; Previous employment pension, $800. Total RRSP for 1986, $16,442.24.

Question: I am a married man, 68 years old, with less than a 10-year life expectancy. I have a $30,000 yearly income with $8,500 of it in government CPP and OAS. Should I buy a $7,500 RRSP and how should I handle this if and when I turn 71?

Answer: Interesting that you should say that you have less than 10 years to live. We checked our mortality tables and find that the average, healthy male age 68 has a life expectancy of 12.78 years. Those tables are from 1980. It's probably better now.

With $30,000 of income, less your personal and investment exemptions, you will probably pay tax on about $18,000. Therefore, your income tax for the 1986 taxation year should be approximately $4,800.

The best way to reduce your taxable income is by making an RRSP deposit. If you contribute $7,500 to your RRSP for 1986, you will reduce your taxable income to $10,500. The tax payable will then be reduced to $2,590. A clear saving of $2,210 in tax for the year.

The answer to the first part of your question is yes, you should buy the RRSP.

As for how to handle the funds when you reach age 71, we think that you should consider an RRIF or an annuity. There are many reasons for this. But you don't have to worry about that now. Three years from now, we will closely examine your situation and determine what is best for you then.

In the meantime, save the tax and keep the money in your name as long as possible.

Question: I recently retired from work. I am age 66 and I have $52,000 in my RRSP. Interest rates right now seem low but I need income. What do you think I should do?

Answer: Interest rates may seem low but how do we know they won't stay low for several years to come? The government says they will.

If you need income now, our advice is to turn your RRSP into an annuity or RRIF and start getting your monthly income. Sitting and suffering while there is $52,000 to make life easier just doesn't seem right. RRSPs are meant to be income after retirement. Don't hesitate to use it.

Question: If I make an RRSP deposit for my son will it qualify for income tax savings? If it does will the tax savings be in his income tax return or in mine?

Answer: Yes you can make such an RRSP deposit. The tax receipt will be in his name and will qualify up to $7,500 or 20% of his earned income. Before you make the deposit find out how much his earned income is so that you do not make an excess contribution.

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All questions on annuities, RRIFs or RRSPs should be directed to Sherr, Bergstein Annuity Insurance Agency, 272 Lawrence Ave. W., Suite 203, Toronto M5M 4M1; phone (416) 787-4517.

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	71	633.34	555.83
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	65	502.18	472.40
	71	545.39	512.56
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	65	479.66	460.75
	71	503.50	487.88
		Male and Female	
JOINT LIFE ANNUITY Guaranteed Term 10 years	Age 60	430.36	
	65	447.61	
	71	484.68	
JOINT LIFE ANNUITY Guaranteed Term 15 years	Age 60	429.50	
	65	444.61	
	71	474.30	
FIXED TERM ANNUITY To Age 90	Age 60	428.76	
	65	449.28	
	71	487.02	

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Housing needs studied

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

To accommodate the growing number of Canadians over 65 years old in Canada, Ontario developers are beginning to examine the need for senior citizens housing, says a report on the Lifecare Retirement Housing Industry.

The introductory report, prepared by the real estate consulting services division of Laventhol & Horwath, states that an underfunded health care delivery system and pressure on governments to reduce spending and increasing demands from the aging population will create opportunities for developers to become involved in private retirement centres well into the 21st century.

There are currently about 2.7 million senior citizens in Canada. It is estimated that by the beginning of the next century, this group will grow to nearly 4 million and from there Canada's senior population will escalate rapidly as the baby boomers becomes senior citizens.

By 2021 this group will reach 6 million and grow to 7.5 million by 2031. This compares to a century earlier, when there were less than 1 million senior citizens in Canada in 1931.

The report states that developers becoming involved in this growing field will have to realize that not only will there be more senior citizens to house, but that the elderly will be wealthier and more influential.

As a result, those involved in the industry will have to sell a lifestyle of independence, security and service and not just the "brick and mortar." To do so, they will have to consider a number of factors including location, demographics, pricing structure and competition.

In preparing its report, Laventhol & Horwath interviewed 42 operators of privately owned and operated facilities.

It found that retirement homes comprised 84.5% of the total facilities surveyed in the Greater Metro Toronto and Hamilton-Wentworth regions in Ontario, which were older and larger than the continuing care facilities. Approximately 41% of all retirement homes and 50% of continuing care facilities surveyed were built between 1980 and 1985.

Firm charts rates

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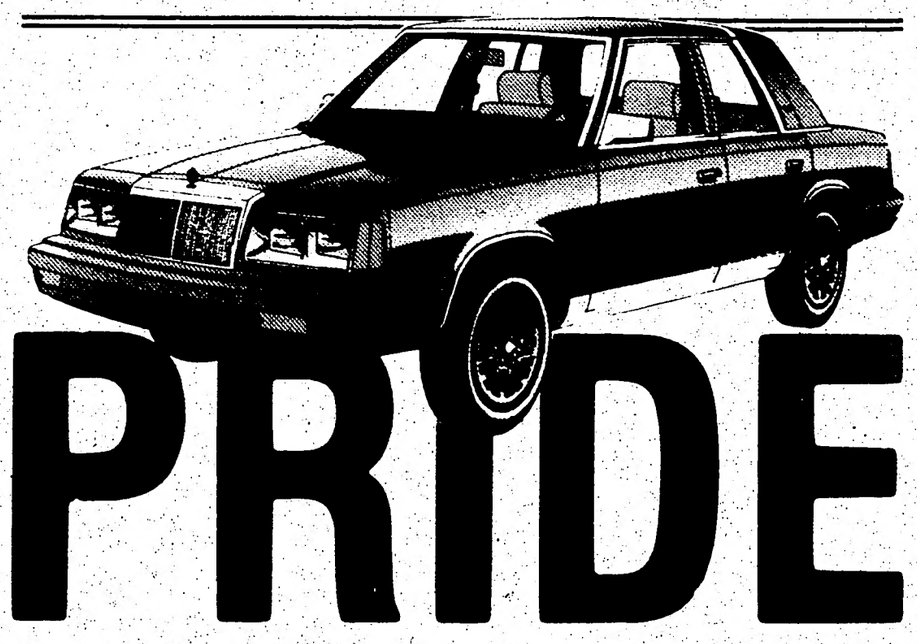

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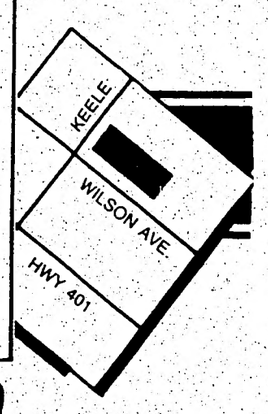

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OBITUARY

Applebaum, Samuel David — On Monday, February 2nd, 1987 in Jerusalem at the age of 80. Beloved husband of Miriam, devoted father of Moishe, Sue and Benjamin. Funeral was held on Monday, February 2nd in Israel.

BELLA SARAH MINUK
With deep sorrow, we mourn the passing of our beloved wife, mother and Baba, on January 10, 1987 at Seven Oaks Hospital.

Born in Ostrovictz, Poland in 1903, Bella Waldman immigrated to Canada in 1927.

She leaves to mourn her devoted husband of 57 years Mendel; daughter Clara Block and husband Morris; three sons, Leo and wife Ellen, Bill and wife Beverley, Sam and wife Faye; brother Jacob Waldman in Rio de Janeiro; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Bella was a special, loving woman who dedicated her whole life to her family. She had deep pride and love in both her children and grandchildren. Baba always had time to listen and share in our laughter and our tears. Bella's religious beliefs guided her life. She generously contributed to many charities and was always helping people in need. She was a life member of Pioneer Women and a member of the Chevra Mishnayes Synagogue.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the charity of your choice.

OBITUARIES

Benatar, Menachim on January 30, 1987, late of Baycrest Home For The Aged.
Dorfi, Evelyn on January 26, 1987, late of 650 Parliament St., #708.
Getrajhendler, Alter on February 1, 1987, late of 130 Neptune Dr., #608.
Gold, Rhea on January 31, 1987, late of 25 Fisherville Rd., #804.
Goodis, Ruby on January 30, 1987, late of Bayview Extendicare.
Hacohen, David on January 28, 1987, late of 48 Arlstan Dr.
Iancu, Usher on January 31, 1987, late of 5 Fisherville Rd., #1010.
Kessler, Freda on January 31, 1987, late of 555 Sheppard Ave. W., #301.
Levy, Louis on February 2, 1987, late of 15 Canyon Ave., #705.
Press, Mary on January 31, 1987, late of 390 Vaughan Rd.
Shatkin, Yakov on January 29, 1987, late of 4455 Bathurst St., #1423.
Simon, Joseph on January 27, 1987, late of 63 McMorran Cres.
Strum, Leon on January 26, 1987, late of 3896 Bathurst St., +216.
Weiman, Florence on January 27, 1987, late of 4266 Bathurst St., #605.

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$795,000. New home to be built. 180' lot. Top quality workmanship. Over 4,100'. 4/5 bdrms, fam. rm., library, warm + inviting. Heddy Balug/Barbara Barker 449-2020.

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YORK MILLS GARDEN FAMILY HOME
$649,900. Architect renovation. 4,200 sq. ft. + fin. lower level. 5 bdrm., 5 baths. Main fl. fam. rm. & den. Shows to perfection. 80x160 lot, pool. Judy Horvath 449-2020.

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BAYVIEW RIDGE AREA SUPERB GARDEN
$649,000. Stone front split-level, spacious living area with door to patio & garden. Oak panelled den & rec rm., 3 bdrms. Security system. Don LePage 449-2020.

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BIG HOME — BIG VALUE!!
$649,000. Leslie-Bannatyne. Elegant 5 bed. 2 storey with library & fam. rm. on main & well finished lower level. French immersion school nearby. H. Cohen 449-2020.

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RANCH BUNGALOW 82X150 LOT
$559,000. Prime street in York Mills Garden. South exp. Renovated kitchen & baths. 3 bdrm. + 2 in lower level. Newly decorated. A1 cond. Judy Horvath 449-2020.

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NEW HOME CUSTOM FINISHED FOR YOU
$550,000. 3,856 sq. ft. of superb const. on wooded lot in Old Thornhill. Mn. flr. fam. rm., panelled lib. 3 baths. 3 car garage. Don't wait! Don LePage 449-2020.

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JUST REDUCED — VALUE IN YORK MILLS
$519,000. Elegant 4 bedrm. bungalow close to all amenities. 2½ baths on main — den 2 huge living-dining rms. 2 more beds + bath in lower level. H. Cohen 449-2020.

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CONTEMPORARY ELEGANCE YORK MILLS
$499,900. Superb design. 2 storey. Mn fl. family rm. 4 bdrms. Maid's qrtrs. Fully fin. bsmt. 4 baths. Gorgeous Laurentide kit. Inground pool. Judy Horvath 449-2020.

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BAYVIEW/YORK MILLS BUNGALOW
$479,000. Ideal for DENTIST/DOCTOR. 4 bdrm. fam. rm. 2 skylights. W/O to priv gdn Mod. Canac kit. Fin. rec. Bar. fridge. Pool size lot. Michele Church 449-2020.

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DUNLACE SCHOOL 5 BDRMS. LARGE LOT
$389,000. Great family home in York Mills! Mn. flr. den, washrm., lower level fam. rm. Walk to garden. Master with ensuite. 2 car garage. Don LePage 449-2020.

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BEST BUY! BAYVIEW/YORK MILLS!!
$349,000. Charming bungalow on secluded 68'x150' lot! Spacious principal rooms, eat-in kit., leaded glass, updated mechanics, move-in! Terry Moranis 449-2020.

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A CHOICE ROSEDALE ADDRESS!
$949,000. Just listed. Superb move-in cond. Bright & beautiful 4 bedrm. Master ensuite. Fabulous reception rooms, solarium to charming garden. H. Cohen 449-2020.

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$895,000. All the elegance of a European or New York Brownstone on a quiet cul de sac. 20 ft. dining rm., large library, beautiful detail. Sally Moore 487-4343.

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BAYVIEW-YORK MILLS DENLOW ESTATES
$660,000. Better Homes & Gardens decor. Elegant main floor. Panelled library! Super size kitchen. Totally finished lower level. Pool. Natalie Schacter 449-2020.

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LOWER FOREST HILL — NEW OFFERING
$539,000. Fabulous home for a growing family. Spacious main floor has a great family rm. w/o to garden & pool. Finished lower level. Natalie Schacter 449-2020.

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"NEW" AVENUE RD.-EGLINTON
$485,000. Sensational plans for intown home. Quality finishes, CAC, European kitchen, 4 baths, finished lower w/o level. Barbara Barker/Heddy Blaug 449-2020.

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SENSATIONAL GEORGIAN — DENLOW!!
$469,000. Quiet elegance main floor lib. + huge fam. rm., floor-ceiling stone frplce, beamed 13 ceiling. Today's neutral tones. 3 baths, main flr. ldry. Sandi Kert 449-2020.

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LESLIE/YORK MILLS NEW EXCLUSIVE
$429,000. Grand Foyer w/circular staircase. 4 + 1 bdrms, balcony, w/o from fam. rm. Finished lower level to private garden. Heddy Blaug/Barbara Barker 449-2020.

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BEST BUY! PRIME ALLENBY LOCATION!!
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$479,000 Imagine yourself in a fabulous 5 bdrm - 2 storey home + main floor family room, and den! "Granny" suite in lower level includes a small kitchen! E. Kalles/M. Noar 488-4488/441-2888.

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***WATCH A MASTERPIECE DEVELOP!**
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$1,395,000. Fine craftsmanship — exquisite decor! Stunning dining room, spectacular master suite! Elegant indoor pool! "Designer kitchen!" Ultimate luxury! E. Kalles/B. Krieger 488-4488.

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$2,800,000 Almost 2 acres of lush landscaping and supreme privacy. Miraculously near Yonge/York Mills! Tennis court. Indoor pool. 5 bdrms and staff apt. Exciting lower level with walkouts to several patios. Elise Kalles 488-4488.

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$2,950,000. All your fondest dreams are realized in this spectacular 14,000 sq. ft. Ultimate modern masterpiece! Luxury abounds! Fabulous 40'x20' indoor pool! Tennis court. Elise Kalles 488-4488.

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***CHAPLIN ESTATES — WARREN ROAD**
$314,900 Totally renovated SOLD rey, 3 bdrm-master suite-eat-in kitchen - walkou SOLD eck and large yard. Rachel Ilany/Alyce Dlouha 488-4488.

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***LOWER FOREST HILL! $549,000**
3 storey Tudor home, beau SOLD l wood, leaded windows and doors. C.A.C. 6 b SOLD main floor powder room. Alyce Dlouha/Rachel Ilany 488-4488.

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***LOWER VILLAGE — $635,000**
East of Spadina. Elegant 4-bdrm house, large principal rooms, panelled den, muiltiple fireplaces, leaded windows and doors. Rachel Ilany/Alyce Dlouha 488-4488.

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***YONGE & EG SOLD TON $229,000**
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$339,000 Magnificent Tudor! Gleaming floors and waisncotting. Fabulous family room with marble fireplace and walkout. Ultra kitchen. Powder room. 3 bdrms. Private drive + more. R. Diamond 485-2299.

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$359,900. Upper Village. Large 3 bedroom. 5 bath home. Family room on main. fabulous master with en suite. Laundry on second. Private garden. M. Solnicki 485-2299.

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$249,000 3 + bdrm backsplit on large lot. Family room with open brick fireplace. Walkout to pool and large fenced yard. Spacious open home for entertaining. R. Diamond 485-2299.

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Stunning decor. Lrg. princi l rms. Main flr. powder rm. & family rm. Wa SOLD t to deck & garden. 2 fireplaces. Fin. lower l el. Central air. Call Eleanor Stanton, 483-4337.

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Traditional exterior enhanced with exceptional townhouse interior. Main flr. powde SOLD aundry rms. "White" kitchen. Skylight, sauna SOLD more. Call Gary Mitchell, 483-4337.

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$295,000. Gorgeous Tudor SOLD sidence. Splendidly updated. 3 good bdrms. P wood accents and blazing fireplace. Nanny's quarte s. Private drive & garage. Call Gary Mitchell, 483-4337.

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YONGE/CLARK/BATHURST
$215,900 Gorgeous 3 bdrm., family room, fire pl., master ensuite, finished bsmt., eat-in kit., lrg. dbl. lot, prime springfarm location, close to schools, parks, new malls, community centre, synagogue. Sonia Grimman 223-2110.

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BATHURST/FIELDGATE
$154,900 Executive multi-level townhouse, 2 stry., living rm. with fire pl. and walkout, eat-in kit., master ensuite, finished rec. rm. Move-in condition. Gale Atha 239-3956.

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DETACHED STARTER
$98,650; 2 bdrm., storey and a half, frame house, large eat-in kit., L-shaped living/dining rm., parking, picturesque yard! K. Suboch 236-2311.

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MORE CHOICES OF CONDOS
Bathurst/Wilson just listed in lux. building, 3 bdrm., fab. view, close to transportation, shabbat elevator, pool, $159,000. D. Abraham 783-3333.

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OBITUARIES

Phyllis Fromkin on Jan. 24/87, late of 3000 Bathurst St., #503.

Estelle Heller on Jan. 25/87, late of 69 Charlton Blvd.

Harvey Forer on Jan. 23/87, late of 131 Torresdale Ave.

Herbert Scheinman on Jan. 26/87, late of 212 Times Rd.

Miriam Salsberg on Jan. 26/87, late of 2 Forest Laneway, #1509.

Edwin Ross on Jan. 27/86, late of 3900 Yonge St., #304.

Ruth Siegel on Jan. 27/87, late of 6101 Bathurst St., #404.

Yetta Rotstein on Jan. 27/87, late of 93 Chiltern Hill Rd.

Hannah Bittker on Jan. 24/87, late of 100 North Doheny Dr., +202.

Antoney Lipinsky on Jan. 26/87, late of Lincoln Place Nursing Home.

Tillie Rosen on Jan. 28/87, late of Cheltenham Nusing Home.

Rebecca Zuckerman on Jan. 27/87, late of Queen Elizabeth Nursing Home.

Samuel Mitchell on Jan. 28/87, late of Terrace Gardens Nursing Home.

Samuel Green on Jan. 28/87, late of 130 Old Forest Hill Rd., #409.

Mark Bohnen on Jan. 28/87, late of 80 Brucewood Cres.

Gerald Pancer on Jan. 29/87, late of 20 Stadacona Dr., #3.

James Swadron on Jan. 28/87, late of 4005 Bayview Ave., #117.

Estelle Charles on Jan. 28/87, late of 4979 Bathurst St., #504.

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BAYVIEW GLEN $459,000
Attention builders or renovators! 4 bdrm, 2 storey on large lot in exclusive area of million dollar homes. BEV BURSTEIN 223-5100.

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BATHURST & CLARK — JUST LISTED!
Spring Farm home over 3,000 sq. ft. of luxury living. 4 huge bdrms, marble & hardwood fls., premium lot. Over $30,000 spent on upgrades! Steps to synagogue. LARRY WRONZBERG 224-2800.

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Executive townhome, large rooms, beautifully finished lower level, fireplace, air, spring possession! SARAH ROVET 224-2800.

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LOWER VILLAGE TUDOR — 1ST AD!
$599,000. Just move into this 3 storey gem on quiet street within walking distance to ~~SOLD~~ shops. Main flr. family rm. & powder rm. 5 ms., rich wood throughout. Eleanor Wagman.

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***1ST AD! FOREST HILL $329,000**
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***BATHURST-STEELES — JUST LISTED!**
Approx. 2,200 sq. ft., 3+1 bdrm., c-a, 2 firepl., lg. lot, near all amenities. Becky Wener, 731-7111.

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***BATHURST-STEELES — QUALITY**
Spacious, inviting 4 bdrm. Mn. flr. den & fam., hwd & ceramics. Dble. gar. Extras! Andy Reti, 731-7111.

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***BATHURST-CLARK — NEW HOME**
3 bdrms., + den, master ensuite, fast closing. Near all amenities. Evelyn Pollock, 731-7111.

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***BATHURST-STEELES — CHARMER**
4 bdrms, main fl. fam. rm. Spacious kit, all brick, ceramics and more. For only $198,900. Ted Waxman 731-7111.

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***HOME BEAUTIFUL BATHURST-STEELES**
Walk to school, park, shopping. 3 bdrms. Mn. fl. family with fp., huge sun deck. Evelyn Pollock 731-7111.

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***HUNTER'S PT. — COUNTRY CHARM!**
Spacious executive home. Oversized kitch., overlooks dramatic fam. rm., superb lot. $389,900. Marilyn Ray, 731-7111.

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RIDGEGATE — ENTERTAINER
Fabulous Carriage home. 2 firepl., cathedral ceiling, raised din. rm., dble. gar. Evelyn Pollock, 731-7111.

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***MANOR — SUNSHINY SPLIT**
Spacious, modern kitchen, fam. rm. with fp + a sun rm with skylight. Dble garage. Robert Samery 731-7111.

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DON MILLS & STEELES — JUST LISTED!
Super 6 rm. bung., singles attached gar., w/o to lg. lot. Won't last! $167,500. Ted Waxman 731-7111.

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DON MILLS-STEELES — $142,500
Spacious 2 storey condo apt. 3 bdrms. + study. Extras. Eat-in kitch., C-A, extras. Gerry Wener, 731-7111.

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***TOWNHOME — LIVING EASY**
Spiffy kitchen. Fin. bsmt. with fp & w/o to yard. 3 bdrms, new modern en suite. Extras. Paula Bernstein 731-7111.

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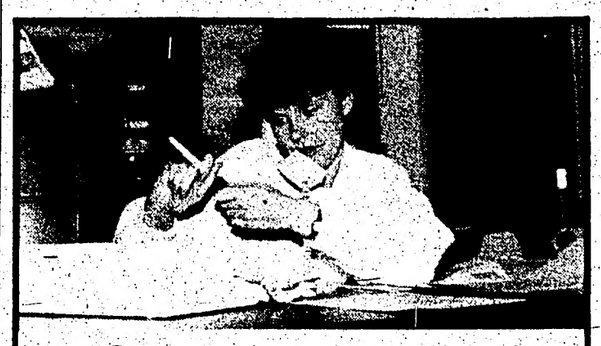

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The changes, which became effective Jan. 1, relax contributory conditions for eligibility. The payment amount has been significantly increased as has the maximum period of retroactive pension payments — up to 12 from 9.

As well the eligibility conditions for children's benefits have been eased to allow for the payment of a maximum of two children's benefits for each dependant child.

To be eligible for a disability pension, the applicant must: be disabled according to the terms of the plan's legislation; have sufficient recent contributions to the plan; and be under 65.

In certain specific circumstances, a contributor in receipt of a retirement pension can apply for a cancellation of that benefit if that person becomes disabled within six months of a retirement pension becoming payable.

To be eligible for the disability payments, which begin the fourth month after the condition is confirmed, the physical or mental impairment must be both severe and prolonged. The disability must seriously affect the contributor's ability to be gainfully employed and must be likely to do so for more than a temporary period.

To qualify, contributions must be made in two of the last three years or five of the last 10 years in the contributory period. The previous requirement of contributions in the lesser of 10 years or ⅓ of the contributory period no longer applies.

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If the disability application is approved, the pension can be paid retroactively. This pension will be offset by the amount of retirement pension that individual has already received.

The disability pension will automatically be converted into a retirement pension when the contributor is 65.

A contributor can receive both a survivor and a disability pension if both spouses contributed to the plan. The amount of the combined pensions is subject to a maximum amount, which in 1986 was $486.11 and will be about $765 in 1987.

A disabled contributor's child can receive a benefit if the child is under 18 or between 18 and 25 and a full-time student.

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